

## PEGLER QUIT WORK FOR BIRCH MAGAZINE

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TUCSON, Ariz., April 6 —  
Westbrook Pegler, a 50-year  
journeyman in the practice of  
invectives, has again lost a pub-  
lisher.

When Robert H. W. Welch  
Jr., the founder of the John  
Birch Society, rejected his  
latest manuscript, Mr. Pegler  
dropped his association with  
American Opinion, the Birch  
Society's magazine.

His decision leaves Mr. Pegler,  
nearing the age of 70, without  
a regular forum for his indict-  
ments of the world and its  
leaders.

Mr. Pegler's association with  
the Birch Society's magazine  
began in 1962, after King Fea-  
tures, a Hearst-owned syn-  
dicate, bought off his contract  
and dropped his column.

When Mrs. Eleanor Roose-  
velt died, Mr. Pegler wrote a  
lengthy funeral oration and sub-  
mitted it to a newspaper in  
Richmond, and to the Holles-  
chain based in California. Both  
publishers rejected the article.  
So Mr. Pegler sold it to Ameri-  
can Opinion. The article led to  
about 20 more for the magazine.

While he was writing for Mr.  
Welch, Mr. Pegler was not  
asked to join the John Birch  
Society.

The last piece Mr. Pegler  
wrote began with an attack on  
Chief Justice Earl Warren, con-  
tending he implicated the right  
wing immediately after Presi-  
dent Kennedy's assassination.

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**Prof. Revilo P. Oliver**

# **Revilo Oliver, John Bircher Extraordinary**

By Hugh Hough  
A Special Correspondent

URBANA, ILL.

Prof. Revilo P. Oliver is an authority on the Renaissance.

But the dawning of his own bright new world occurred only recently—on Dec. 9, 1958.

The John Birch Society was born that wintry day in Indianapolis.

A man with a lively interest in history, Prof. Oliver was there. He listened with a select group of less than 20 to the two-day speech delivered by Robert Henry Winborne Welch jr., the fudgemaker turned superpatriot. That speech by Welch became the Birch Society's Blue Book, or summary of principles.

Prof. Oliver (his first name also is Oliver, spelled in reverse) discovered that Welch's ideas coincided with his own, especially on the prevalence of Reds under American beds.

So when Prof. Oliver returned to his job as a teacher of Latin and Greek at the University of Illinois, he carried with him a new title—national councillor of the John Birch Society.

Thereafter the professor peddled the Birch line by mouth and pen, although he was careful to check his rightist views at the classroom door.

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He made little speeches denouncing Arthur Schlesinger Jr. as a "mountebank and a shyster" and ridiculing "liberal intellectuals" who believe the United States "must tax itself to win the favor of every mangy cannibal in Africa."

## MARXMANSHIP

But many others were working the same side of the street, and Prof. Oliver's thunder was largely muffled by the growing rumble from the right.

Then came Nov. 22, 1963, the day of President Kennedy's assassination.

It is not known how Prof. Oliver reacted on that day when most Americans wept without shame.

But it is known that he soon began work on a manuscript that was to outline the Revilo P. Oliver theory of the murder and lift the mantle of semi-obscurity from the 54-year-old classicist.

That manuscript—with the sum-it-up title of "Marx-manship in Dallas"—appeared last month in *American Opinion*, the Birch magazine.

From Robert Welch, it drew the supreme accolade; "superb commentary."

Most newspaper-reading Americans by now are familiar with the professor's speculations on the murder:

- That President Kennedy was executed by the Communist conspiracy "because he was planning to turn American."

- That President Kennedy "procured his election by peddling boob-bait to suckers."

- That Lee H. Oswald was a Red agent trained for terrorism, including shooting from ambush, "in the well-known school for international criminals near Minsk."

- That as long as there are Americans, President Kennedy's "memory will be cherished with distaste."

Now that the first ripples of shock have subsided, it is possible to take closer look at the man who wrote those words and to assess how University of Illinois officials are dealing this time with what is becoming a recurring headache—a faculty member who pushes the right of free speech to its limit.

## LAURELS

Prof. Oliver was born in 1910 at Corpus Christi, Texas. Little is known about his boyhood, and the professor was in no mood last week to fill in the gaps for a reporter. He attended Pomona College in California during the 1926-'27 school year, then transferred to the University of Illinois, where he has maintained academic ties ever since, except for three years in the Signal Corps during World War II.

His scholarly laurels include a doctorate in the classics, a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1945 and a Fulbright Scholarship that took him to Italy in 1953-'54 to continue a study of humanists of the Italian Renaissance.

A brief biography with his *American Opinion* article characterized him as "an academician of international reputation who has published scholarly articles in four languages."

Prof. Oliver's colleagues, most of whom are appalled by his political views, agree that he is a solid scholar, citing such endeavors as his annotation of a 500-year-old manuscript for the University of Illinois Press.

To a colleague, he confided that his Birch Society work has been "the most meaningful thing" in his life.

To a group called the American Physicians and Surgeons meeting in Ashville, N. C., he propounded this theory of "Red devilry":

"I suspect that first-rate Communists, like first-rate criminals of other kinds, are born—for the science of genetics gives us no reason to suppose that vicious instincts are not transmitted in the same way as the shape of a lobe of an ear or susceptibility to a disease."

## EXTINCTION

Early in 1960 Prof. Oliver made it known in Urbana that he had been marked for extinction on orders from Moscow. The liquidation was to be carried out by an agent of a local Red cell, the professor said.

Dr. David Dodds Henry, the university president, had no comment on Oliver's article for almost 48 hours. It is possible he hoped this university headache would fade away, as had earlier ones caused by Oliver's rightist rantings.

When he finally spoke, Dr. Henry said he regarded Oliver's views as "unsupported accusations, unworthy of public attention."

"As president, I have no comment on Mr. Oliver's statement," he continued. "Mr. Oliver has written on a matter beyond his university responsibilities as a private citizen for a non-university journal."

He added, however, that as a citizen he felt the Oliver article was "an unreasoned and vitriolic attack on the character and patriotism of President Kennedy, and is beyond the bounds of good taste in public comment and the normal proprieties of public debate."

That was on Feb. 13.

Last week, Dr. Henry shifted slightly from the non-committal stand.

He asked members of the faculty committee on academic freedom and tenure to review the Oliver case "and give me their advice."

The faculty applauded Dr. Henry's action.

Prof. Oliver remained silent. But not his wife, Grace.

She announced triumphantly that the Birch people are preparing another 10,000 copies of the magazine to accommodate the demand for her husband's article.

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## BRADEN DISCLOSES HE QUIT BIRCH POST

Spruille Braden, who as recently as January was listed as a director on the John Birch Society's letterhead, disclosed yesterday that he had quit the society and its national council "at least two years ago."

The former Assistant Secretary of State in the Truman Administration said he had done so because he did not agree with all of the right-wing society's policies.

Mr. Braden, an outspoken diplomat who has been Ambassador to Cuba, Argentina and Colombia, said that "there were some things the society did that were excellent and some things of which I didn't approve. And I don't want to be a director of anything I don't direct."

Specifically, Mr. Braden said he never approved of the society's attack on former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, but that he was "100 per cent for its fight on Communism."

He indicated that his dispute was mainly with statements by Robert H. W. Welch Jr., founder of the society, who has called Mr. Eisenhower "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

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# Illinois U. Backs Birchite's Academic Freedom

By AUSTIN C. WEHRWEIN

Special to The New York Times

URBANA, Ill., March 18—The University of Illinois trustees upheld today the right of a professor, prominent in the John Birch Society, to be "offensive," "undignified" and "ungloriously wrong."

By an 8-to-1 vote, with one absent, the trustees accepted the recommendation of David D. Henry, the university president, that Dr. Revilo Pendleton Oliver's attack on President Kennedy was not "adequate grounds" for discharge although it was in bad taste and "unreasoned and vitriolic." Revilo is Oliver spelled backward.

The trustees concurred in a faculty committee statement that Dr. Oliver's punishment would be "the full glare" of adverse judgment and condemnation from his academic colleagues.

If the university's reputation appeared tarnished, that was the price of adherence to the ideal of academic freedom the committee said.

The Oliver case has drawn national attention because of the intense feeling about the Kennedy assassination and because it is one of the few academic cases involving an ultraconservative.

Irving Dilliard, the trustee who voted "no," said that he agreed that Dr. Oliver should not be discharged, but he objected that the university had not sufficiently disavowed his views.

Harold Pogue, another trustee, urged Dr. Oliver to resign because of his "contemptible" statements but he said that he saw no legal way to dismiss him.

Dr. Oliver, a member of the Birch Society's national council, who says he helped organize the ultrarightist group, told a reporter later:

"I don't know whether they are commending me for the glorious exercise of integrity or not."

The vote followed a month of controversy over Dr. Oliver's articles in American Opinion, a Birchite magazine,

## Trustees Say Professor Who Wrote About Kennedy Has Right to Be 'Offensive'

that accused President Kennedy of "collaboration" with Premier Khrushchev and left the impression that Dr. Oliver charged Mr. Kennedy was assassinated because he had become a "political liability" to the "Communist conspiracy."

Dr. Oliver, a classics professor, has also assailed Chief Justice Earl Warren as part of the "conspiracy" and as a "pal" of Mr. Khrushchev.

The vote was formally on concurrence with Dr. Henry's acceptance of a report he had requested from the Faculty Senate's academic freedom committee.

The seven-man committee, headed by Prof. E. B. McNatt, an economist, said that administrative restraint should be avoided in a faculty's "search for the eternal verities."

The report said:

"If, in the exercise of this protected freedom of research and expression, and despite the [university's own] statutory admonition that a professor is expected to observe professional standards of accuracy, forthrightness, and dignity befitting his association with the university and his position as a man of learning, abuses of this privilege occur, restraints on such abuses must normally be provided by the adverse judgment of the individual's professional colleagues."

"He must," the statement continued, "withstand the full glare of critical professional judgment and condemnation for unprofessional, undignified, unsupported, or offensive utterances. He must have the right to be as ungloriously wrong, and suffer the professional consequences thereof, as to be gloriously right and receive the acclaim of his professional colleagues therefore."

Thus, when abuses occur, and the public image of a great university is somewhat tarnished

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as a result thereof, it must be recognized that the larger gain is in the brighter image of the university presented to the scholarly world of an institution dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and learning, and one willing to pay the price for strict adherence to this ideal."

Mr. Dilliard, a former editor of The St. Louis Post-Dispatch editorial page and now Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University, objected that the faculty statement neither declared with sufficient fervor the university's devotion to free inquiry and expression nor sufficiently disavowed and disassociated it from the "disgraceful reflections against the martyred President and the sitting Chief Justice."

Mr. Pogue, a lumberyard owner in Decatur, said the Oliver attack was "the most shameful thing" the university had suffered in his memory.

"In my opinion it was as contemptible as the action of the killer was horrible," he said, referring to the assassination. "Both attacks were cowardly in the extreme."

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## 4. THE BIRCH SOCIETY

By BERNARD LEFKOWITZ, SIDNEY ZION  
and MARVIN SMILON

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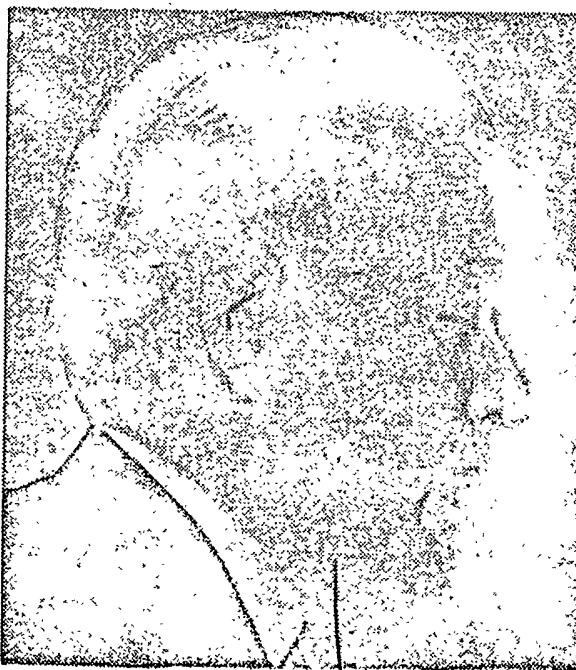
Dun and Bradstreet can produce no credit rating; banks are cautiously noncommittal; government sources will do little more than confirm its existence.

In fact, there is probably only one authority on the Penthouse Trust. And that is its ultimate beneficiary—the John Birch Society.

Financed by two unmistakably aristocratic Back Bay Bostonians, the trust possesses every outward appearance of consummate respectability. But like the Birch Society itself, Penthouse Trust lives a dual existence.

The principals of Penthouse Trust are Miss Olive Simms and Miss Hope Gray. They are approaching 80 gracefully. In these later years one of their closest friends and most patient advisers has been Col. Laurence E. Bunker. The colonel, a former aide to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, is a member of the Society's national council and a possible successor to founder Robert Welch himself.

The identity of Col. Bunker and the Penthouse Trust often overlap so completely that the Colonel



KENT COURTNEY

A Louisiana leader.

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gives the trust as his address to close friends on the far right. "Col. Bunker is a wonderful man to speak to if you want to know what's really happening," says Miss Simes. "He can tell you much more than we can."

The Misses Simes and Gray, each possessing an acute sense of irony, live together in a nine-room \$600-a-month (a new landlord has just raised it from \$500 a month) penthouse suite on Boston's Beacon Hill.

Their furniture is Chippendale. The oils are meticulous if somewhat melancholy portraits and New England landscapes. The sumptuous green velvet sofa in the sitting room may be slightly dusty on any given morning but all that means is that the two maids in the apartment haven't got to it yet.

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**THE TWO TENANTS ARE REGAL, STATELY,** austere. Their cheeks retain just a trace of color as a lingering reminder of summer vacations at Martha's Vineyard. A visitor sees them standing together near the tea table, surrounded by the weight of the past, and wonders where the calendar is. Then, suddenly, he knows exactly. On the table is an unsolled copy of "The Cross and The Flag," house organ of one of the nation's largest manufacturers of hate, Gerald L. K. Smith.

Officially Miss Simes and Miss Gray are listed as owning at least 2 per cent of the shares in Robert Welch Inc., the corporation which runs American Opin-

ion, the slick ideological mouthpiece of the Society.

But Boston Birch Society members boast that Miss Simes and Miss Gray, through their corporate identity as Penthouse Trust, have been much more generous than any official listing will reveal. "It is hard to put a price tag on it," says one member. "These are things you don't talk about publicly. But it's interest like this that keeps the Birch Society alive."

What this informant doesn't say is that Miss Simes, who reputedly supplies most of the funds for the trust does not limit her generosity to the Birch Society. For instance, since 1959, she has been a contributor to Gerald Smith's anti-everything crusade. The contributions are listed with the clerk of the House of Representatives.

It is not realistic, however, to assume that the frail shoulders of two elderly Boston dowagers carry the full load of financing the Society. Welch has said that it will cost \$2,000,000 to pay the Birch bill this year. Kent Courtney, a Birch leader in Louisiana, says expenses will run closer to \$4,000,000. Whichever figure is right, there's a wide gap between the \$737,716 income reported in 1962 and the expenses.

Evidently Welch was aware of the problem. He took care early in the game to line up powerful business support. Today, these are some of the men who make sure the electricity is not shut off:

● **J. Howard Pew**, the 82-year-old director of the Sun Oil Co., who has given many millions of dollars to conservative and far-right causes in his lifetime. In 1957, Pew was listed as one of America's 76 richest men by Fortune magazine. He is a stockholder in Robert Welch Inc.

● **A. G. Hemsohn Jr.**, president of Cherokee Mills and Spindale Mills, Spindale, N. C. He is described as "one of the foremost anti-union textile barons in the South" by the Textile Workers' Union. He publicly supported the late Merwin K. Hart's National Economic Council, which was labeled an anti-Semitic organization by Congressional investigators.

● **D. B. Lewis**, 60-year-old president and principal owner of Lewis Food Co., Los Angeles. Sales of Dr. Ross and Skippy brand pet foods now exceed \$12,000,000 annually. Welch says, "In addition to his advertising in American Opinion, D. B. Lewis has been a strong friend to the society in many more substantial ways."

• William J. Grede of Milwaukee, a former president of the National Assn. of Manufacturers (1932), chairman of Grede Foundries Inc. He is financial secretary and member of the Birch Society's executive committee.

And there are still other patrons: Sheldon Coleman, president of the Coleman Corp., Wichita, Kan., and sponsor of many in-plant Birch propaganda programs; Fred C. Koch, president of Rock Island Oil and Refining Co., Wichita, and a member of the Society's executive committee; Frank E. Masland Jr., of Carlisle, Pa., a stockholder in Robert Welch Inc., and one of the nation's large carpet manufacturers; Louis Ruthenberg of Evansville, Ind., former president and board chairman of Servel, Inc., who is a member of the national council.

And, of course, many more.

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**THE BIRCH SOCIETY IS BIG BUSINESS. IT IS** getting bigger and fatter all the time. The society's 150 full-time paid workers draw a weekly paycheck of \$22,000. Printing costs run more than \$20,000 a week. (The price of American Opinion was raised from \$5 to \$10 a year because it was losing \$3,000 to \$5,000 a week).

More than \$200,000 a year goes on field equipment such as tape recorders, film projectors, loudspeakers and spotlights. In December the Society mounted its first advertising campaign and spent \$35,000 to solicit funds and new members. There is also the cost of keeping up the headquarters in Belmont, Mass., with its 600 feet of floor space and staff of 75. Mailing costs alone have soared beyond \$4,000 a week. And new American Opinion libraries are being opened across the country.

"The truth is that most other right-wing organizations would turn green with envy at our finances," says Col. Bunker, looking rather secure in a comfortable club chair in a comfortable living room.

decor since 1923, in a comfortable old New England house on Chestnut St. in sleepy little Wellesley Hills, Mass.

"We've grown to the point that if the money isn't right there we can put our hands on it," he says in a broad lisp undiminished by his 72 years. "Of course, our national council is unhappy, Bob Welch is unhappy, our financial secretary, Bill Grede, is unhappy, but the truth is we're ahead of them all."

All of this is accomplished, he concedes, with a membership that is much smaller than is usually estimated. The best guess—the society doesn't reveal membership figures—is about 30,000.

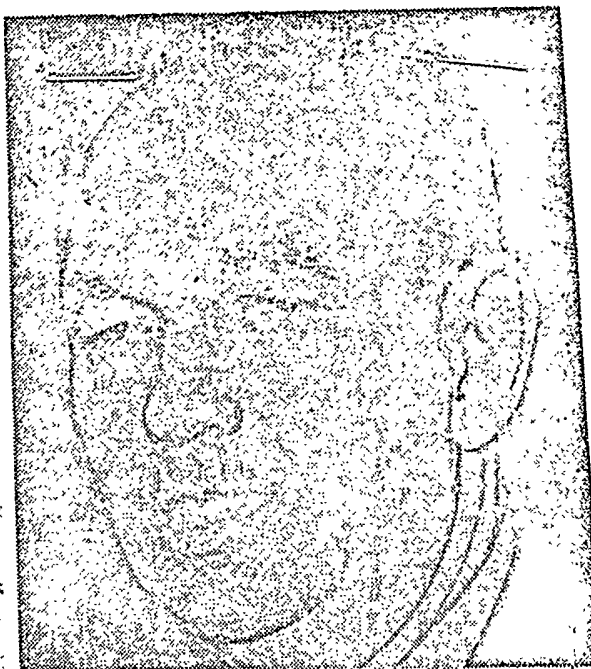
Col. Bunker says one of the most important reasons for the Birch Society's appeal to "nice middle-class Americans" is its respectability.

He leans back, crosses his legs, tugs for a second on his blue double-breasted suit jacket, and drags deeply on his cigaret. "The thing people forget," he says, "is we're right down the middle. Some groups advocate violence, others shrug their shoulders and read a book. We don't believe in either."

"Wherever extremism raises its head in the society," he says, leaning forward just slightly, "we try to keep it in check. Westbrook Pegler is a good example of this. I think he has a fabulous fund of information but he has been seduced into a violence of expression throughout his career. Basically people aren't as emotional as Pegler. His most recent articles reached the point of indecency."

"If he continues the way he's been going, I don't think there'll be a place for him on American Opinion. It's enough that we have to worry about stink bombs exploding from outside. We don't want them to explode inside."

It is perhaps a sign of Col. Bunker's influence in the Society that in the April issue of American Opinion Pegler's name was absent from the masthead



**ROBERT WELCH**

*The founder.*

of the magazine, and his scheduled series on labor unions was not included.

The Colonel's point is well-taken. In its 5½-year history the Society has vigorously pursued Communists real and imaginary, integrationists North and South, liberals, Democrats and Republicans. But still more relentlessly it has pursued respectability.

The late Mark Sherwin points out in his book "The Extremists," "Welch has tried to shake himself loose . . . from the hundreds of little hate groups scattered in tiny hamlets and musty clubrooms throughout the nation that want to embrace Birchism in their over-all campaigns against Jews, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Negroes, meat eaters, Catholics and anything else they can be against."

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**IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT THE BIRCH SOCIETY** at least has sought the trappings of respectability. There are others, however, who make no effort to hide the hate...

**NON-WHITES FLOODING AMERICA  
JEWS INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION**

These are headlines from The Thunderbolt, "official white racial organ of the National States Rights Party." The Thunderbolt reprints Nazi hate propaganda and vicious anti-Negro material. In 1963, the leader of the party, Edward R. Fields, of Birmingham, Ala., listed an income of \$44,000, and he expects to have \$75,000 to spend in 1964. In 1960 the income reported was only \$14,000.

"Our plans for the Presidential year are simple," says Fields, a dentist. "We will give our Presidential candidate a sound truck and \$14,000 and he will go North to campaign."

"Our Vice Presidential candidate will go West with a sound truck and \$14,000. Let me tell you something, sir. If we win there'll be no place to hide. There will be no place to hide at all."

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# **HORACE GREELEY URGES: GO RIGHT**

Great-Grandson of Editor  
Speaks Here for Birchers

By CHARLES MOHR

Go Right, young man!  
That was the exhortation given last night by Dr. Horace Greeley, a great-grandson of the famous editor of the same name, who spoke at a Brooklyn rally sponsored by the John Birch Society.

Dr. Greeley said the event was the start of a program to popularize the aims of the ultra-conservative society.

He said this would be the first of "many" public speeches and meetings planned in New York to "explain to the public our views and to correct false statements about us."

He asserted that the society was growing rapidly here and said that he had heard there were 70 chapter, with from 15 to 60 members each, in Brooklyn and Queens alone. But, as is usual with the society, no one would give an over-all membership figure for the organization here.

## **Leaders Are Criticized**

On April 14 at 8 P.M. there will be another public meeting at the same place, the Bay Ridge Fort Hamilton Conservative clubhouse at 3010 Fifth Avenue.

Dr. Greeley contended that the nation was losing the cold war "because our leaders either lack the guts to use their power or are plain traitors."

In his address, he also:

¶ Accused Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Walter Lippman, the columnist, of "cackling senilely over each surrender."

¶ Said the schools now teach "sex" and "prepare for integration instead of Armageddon."

¶ Attacked the "half-baked and semi-cannibal" nations of the underdeveloped world.

¶ Suggested that Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy had planted a "tree of treason" in Panama.

At this point, Dr. Greeley called the society an educational organization and said, "We make no wild charges and no unsubstantiated claims."

Of the people who have attacked the Birch society, he said, most are "actually Communists" and the rest are "largely dupes."

Dr. Greeley was angered by United Nations actions in Katanga and by that "endless appeaser, Adlai Stevenson."

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# Cushing Retracts OK of Birch Society

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BOSTON, April 21—Richard Cardinal Cushing issued a public statement last night retracting an indorsement he once gave the John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch.

"This retraction is long overdue," the Catholic Archbishop of Boston said on radio station WNAC.

The prelate said he was making the statement so members of the society could not continue to use a letter he wrote several years ago, "without my permission."

The Cardinal said he indorsed the society and Welch in 1961, but, "at long last I retract that letter and I hope those interested in the Birch Society will never again use it to enlist new members."

"I was never a member of this society," he said. "In view of the extreme statements and articles printed or ap-

proved by this society in recent years, I could not in conscience indorse this organization nor would I be affiliated with it in any way.

"Furthermore, I do not consider this society as an effective way of confronting the international conspiracy of atheistic communism."

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## A Big Man

**R**ICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, merits a salute for a display of moral and intellectual courage.

The Cardinal went on a New England radio network to retract an endorsement he gave the extreme right John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, in 1961.

The letter of endorsement was based on the anti-communism of Mr. Welch and the organization, and has been exploited by the society as a mark of the high type of support it attracts.

It was evident from the Cardinal's words that he was impelled toward his public retraction by a statement attributed to the society identifying the late Presidents Roosevelt and Kennedy as Communists.

Emphasizing that he was never a member of the society, Cardinal Cushing said:

"I would prefer imprisonment and death under a slave state to membership in an organization which has branded a martyred President of the United States as a Communist."

The Cardinal has shown himself to be as big as the office he holds. We're inclined to think that a number of Americans who joined the society with the best of motives may wish to give thoughtful appraisal to the Cardinal's statement.

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On April 25, 1964, [redacted]  
[redacted] John Birch Society, Stanford, Connecticut,  
advised that he had just had a conference with Cardinal  
CUSHING, Boston, Massachusetts, concerning a public  
retract previously made by the Cardinal in which he had  
disaffiliated himself in any way from the John Birch  
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[redacted] stated that during the course of the  
conference, the Cardinal was extremely gracious to  
him and had repudiated a statement made by the Cardinal  
tending to denounce [redacted] head of the John Birch  
Society. [redacted] stated that he learned from the Cardinal  
that the Cardinal's statement had been predicated upon  
a telegram which he had received and which telegram the  
Cardinal gave to [redacted] at the time of their meeting.  
[redacted] advised that the telegram read as follows: "Sunday  
morning, 12:00 A.M., on Station WGB, Long John Nobel  
Program, heard also in Boston on Station WJAC, two members  
of John Birch Society claimed that you have endorsed the  
society and agree with them that the late Presidents  
Roosevelt and Kennedy were communists. Will appreciate  
greatly your reply. This statement does not seem possible.  
I am correspondent in New York for Swiss and Italian  
newspapers. Very respectfully yours, [redacted]  
[redacted] New York City."

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DOB: 4/25/09, Petersburg, Va.  
1315 Highland Dr.  
Silver Spring, Md.

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\*25-16340-3

alias of: John Mc Guire  
Bn: 9/2/04, Ireland.

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62-0-39625

DR.

62-3057

Davis, Thos., 93 LaSalle St., bn 1876;  
1924 - paid off 12/14/29; garden force;  
married.

THOMAS

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116-5760\*  
121-14560\*

42 Lefurgy Ave.

Dobbs Ferry, NY

BN: 8/1/05 Upper Nyack, NY

SEE: DAVIS, THOMAS WILDERS

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Bn: 6/28/07, Virginia

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RE: [REDACTED]

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[redacted], NYC

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addressed mail to the above on May 23, 41.

DAVIS, THOMAS

\*25-21145-5

DOB: 2/7/00, Ireland  
alias Thomas Joseph Garvey

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alias of [redacted]

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On 6/22/54 [redacted] furnished SA [redacted] dues membership lists of the IWO current as of late 1953. Same reflected the above named held Certificate # 270421 as a member of Lodge # 691D, having joined the IWO in 4/49.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-0)  
RE: [REDACTED]

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John Birch Society  
Stanford, Conn.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of a LHM relating the results of an interview had between Cardinal CUSHING of Boston, Mass., and [REDACTED] John Birch Society, Stanford, Conn. This matter is being forwarded to the Bureau in the event the Bureau desires to make dissemination of same.

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Information copies being forwarded to New York and Boston in this matter.

For the information of the Bureau and receiving offices, [REDACTED] stated that during the course of an interview, Cardinal CUSHING advised that if [REDACTED] needed any assistance in determining the real sender of this telegram, he should consult the FBI in Boston. [REDACTED] stated that in fact he did not deem that necessary inasmuch as he is a resident of Stanford and felt he could contact the FBI in that city.

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No additional investigation being conducted by the NHO in this matter.

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY- INFO CONCERNING

A REPRESENTATIVE OF BUREAU OF SPECIAL SERVICES PAREN BSS PAREN 43  
 NYCPD ADVISED THAT FROM THREE THIRTY TO FOUR THIRTY PM INSTANT DATE  
 APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED PERSONS, IDENTIFIED BY BSS TO BE MEMBERS  
 OF OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, PICKETED NYCPD HQ TWO FOUR ZERO CENTER  
 STREET, NYC. PLACARDS CARRIED BY MEMBERS REFLECTED SOCIETY PRO- NYCPD  
 AND ONE SIGN STATED QUOTE MEN IN BLUE ARE FINE UNQUOTE. NO REASON  
 KNOWN WHY PICKETING TOOK PLACE. PICKETS  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReNYtel to Bureau, 5/16/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting contact with Bureau of Special Services (BSS), NYCPD, on 5/16/64.

Information obtained furnished by Detective [redacted]  
[redacted] to SA [redacted] of the NYO on the date indicated.

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**Birchers Deeper in Red**

Boston, June 17 (UPI) — The John Birch Society went deeper into the red financially last year, it revealed in a report filed under the law with the attorney general's office today. The society reported a deficit of \$210,954. Of this, \$84,612 existed at the end of 1962. While the deficit increased, so did income—\$1 million as compared to \$737,716 in 1962.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1214 Sub G) DATE: 6/18/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (41)

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SUBJECT: HARLEM REGION - 11 A.D. CP CLUB  
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| Identity of source  | [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past.  | b2<br>b7D  |
| Description of info | Meeting of 11th A.D. CP Club, 402 W. 146th Street, NYC, 6/5/64. |            |
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A copy of informant's written report follows:

1 [REDACTED] (INV) (41)  
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11th A.D. Club, Harlem Region, C.P.

The 11th A.D. Club of the Harlem Region of the Communist Party, held a meeting on Friday evening June 5, 1964, at Bermuda Hall, 402 West 146th Street, New York City at 9:00 p.m. The following members were present,

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The following points were on the agenda, [redacted]  
[redacted] called for dues & Fund Drive money, and stated that the Club treasury as of June 5, 1964 is \$25.00, and suggested that the Club treasury pay for the rental of the hall which is \$4.50. Dues were paid by all members present.

(1) [redacted] stated that he have a report to render from the County Committee which was held on Thursday June 4, 1964, concerning the Nov. election. [redacted] stated that it was decided that the Communist Party shall take an active & open campaign in the upcoming Presidential election in Nov. He stated that it was generally felt that the atmosphere has changed and that the time is at hand for the C.P. to man sound trucks, hold open Public Meetings in the streets, and to go out to meet the public, for the masses are looking for direction in this area of the Cold War. That the people must know the role of the U.S. in Vietnam, in Cuba, in Cypress and other points in the World. The people must know about the Civil Rights struggle & fillerbuster, the GOLDWATER and the John Birch Society, and the war on poverty, and only the Communist under the Marxist theory can give the answers to these pressing problems.

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(2) [ ] asked the Chairman for a clarification of the GOLDWATER victory in California, and what happened to the John Birch Society. [ ]

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[ ] stated that the GOLDWATER victory in California perils the progressive movement in America. That GOLDWATER stands for State rights, a weak Civil Rights bill, throw a low yield A bomb is Vietnam, stand up to Russia & China with display of might, and that it is little different between a GOLDWATER & ROCKEFELLER. Although little is heard concerning the John Birch Society, that are quietly working in the GOLDWATER campaign. All these forces must be defeated, and the Ultra-Right must not take over the Republican Party. That the forces of Trade Union, Negro people, the peace forces, and all democratic minded people of America, must unite in action to beat back this Ultra-Right movement in America.

[ ] arrived at this meeting at 10:15 pm. and apologized [ ] (P.S.) This is the first meeting [ ] attended for over [ ] and he came after the [ ] had a special meeting with [ ] at his home, and he promised that he would attend. The time being 11:05 pm the meeting was adjourned.

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**For the Record**

In your issue of April 2d, there appeared an article which dealt with the subject of the far right in American politics. It contained the following paragraph: "And there are still other patrons: Sheldon Coleman, president of the Coleman Corporation, Wichita, Kansas, and sponsor of many in-plant Birch propaganda programs." This statement is in error. I am not a member of the John Birch Society and have never been a member. I have never sponsored even one in-plant Birch propaganda program. The Coleman Company has maintained for many years, as a public service, two meeting rooms that can be used and have been used by hundreds of Wichita organizations of every kind and description. It is my understanding that there was one Birch Society meeting scheduled and held in one of these rooms. I did not attend the meeting and certainly in no way sponsored it.

SHELDON COLEMAN

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[Redacted]  
July 24, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East 69 Street  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate information concerning the John Birch Society. //

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Very truly yours  
[Redacted]

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201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York  
July 29, 1964




Dear :

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 24, 1964, in which you make certain inquiry.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. Your attention is called to the fact that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character and integrity of any organization.

I know you will understand the necessity for our policy in this regard and will not infer either that we do, or that we do not, have the information you requested.

Very truly yours,


  
JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

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San Francisco,  
July 31, 1964

Dear Sir:

This is a solemn warning. It concerns a rapidly developing new danger to the security and life of this country, and the entire world. But few people, unfortunately, in positions of high responsibility are sufficiently aware of it, or of its actual magnitude and immediacy, which is the reason for this communication. Yet, compared with it, even the perennial threat of communism might soon fade into relative insignificance. I am referring to the real possibility of a Nazi or Fascist takeover of the United States' government and society.

Since the late fifties an elaborate and extremely well financed Nazi underground is operating in the United States, masterminded from Germany and with main operational centers in California, Illinois, Texas and New York. The John Birch Society is the principal front organization of this Nazi underground. //

The full story goes back to the closing weeks of World War II, when a group of high ranking SS officers and government and party officials of the Third Reich hastily put together a secret apparatus, dedicated to the preservation of Nazi principles. This organization, through the early years of the four-power occupation, confined its activities to the aid of escaped war criminals. A dramatic change took place, however, in the mid-fifties, when the organization acquired brilliant leadership (matching even the evil genius of Adolf Hitler) and that in turn brought in almost unlimited sources of finance.

A plan of action subsequently evolved. It was amazingly ambitious, to say the very least. Essentially, it called for the obtainment of indirect control over the nuclear potential of the United States (by clandestine political capture of the then already fast growing conservative movement in America) followed by

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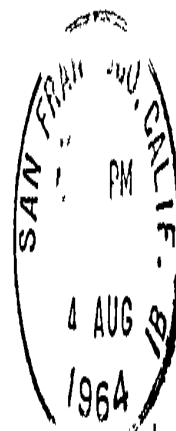
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the bold application of that power for the recovery of Germany's eastern provinces. Then, and only then, could be Nazism reestablished in Germany and German hegemony again extended over all Europe.

Earlier this month, we have just witnessed a forceful demonstration of this technique: the seizure "by proxy" of one of our major political parties. Because of the urgency of the situation, therefore, the following countermeasures seem to be strongly indicated:

- (1) penetration of the John Birch Society by the FBI or other responsible investigative agency to establish the existence of a liason with the Nazi underground and to gather evidence against individuals for prosecution under the Smith act,
- (2) closer surveillance on the activities of German tourists and businessmen, and those who immigrated in this country, either from Germany or Argentina, since 1945,
- (3) in the event of a Goldwater victory in November, continued and careful check on the personal connections of all those in line of succession, as well as that of cabinet members and high military appointees; presidents can be assassinated (there was a recent tragic example of that!) and the Nazi underground may well try later for a more direct grab for power,
- (4) widest possible publicity and discussion of the background delineated above.

Finally, I wish to apologize for, and hope you will understand why, I am presently hesitating to reveal my identity: my life and the safety of my family would be seriously endangered.



SPECIAL AGENT IN-CHARGE,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DISTRICT OFFICE,

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

# New Group's Aim: Expose Ultra Rightists

By Ralph Chapman  
Of The Herald Tribune Staff

The John Birch Society came under new attack yesterday.

"There are more than 7,000 radio and television broadcasts weekly in 50 states now being aired by groups whose officers are either acknowledged members of the John Birch Society or linked with it in other ways. . . . Radical reactionary organizations now spend upwards of \$20 million a year."

This "ominous" picture of ultra-right activities was painted by Dr. Arthur Larson, former director of the United States Information Agency and now professor of law at Duke University. He said that it is "degrading the American political dialogue to such a point as to damage our self-respect at home and our reputation for public responsibility abroad."

To "expose and correct" the activities of the ultra-right, Dr. Larson announced formation of the National Council for Civic Responsibility. Dr. Larson is the chairman. Members of the Council include former cabinet members, heads of unions, educators, scientists and writers. It is sponsored by the Public Affairs Institute, a non-profit organization established in 1947 with headquarters in Washington.

The announcement was made at a press conference yesterday at the Overseas Press Club. Council headquarters is at 65 E. 55th St.

Formation of the new organization came three days after announcement of a book backed by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League called "anger on the Right." Both the ADL and the new group have lists of groups or programs considered dangerously right. The Birch Society heads both lists, and five additional groups made both lists. These are the Christian Crusade, the Church League of America, the Conservative Society of America, the Manion Forum and the Dan Smoot Report.

Also linked with the Birch Society, according to the Council, are Americans

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for Constitutional Action, America's Future, Christian Freedom Foundation, Citizen's Foreign Aid Committee, Liberty Lobby, National Economic Council and We, the People.

The Council offered its capsules of the position of each of the groups. For example:

¶We, the People—Wants impeachment of (Chief Justice) Earl Warren. Investigation of the National Education Association. Wants to get out of the United Nations. "You cannot expect the American people to sacrifice to fight the enemy if the President does not act now to clean the enemy out of our State Department."

¶National Economic Council—"All branches of American life, especially such unsuspected areas as the Christian churches, have been infiltrated by Communists."

¶Americans for Constitutional Action—"Americans have been running away from their own revolution in order to embrace an armament program saturated with Marxist ideology."

Dr. Larson insisted that there is no connection between "the organization of this Council at this time" and the political campaign. He said that it is a long-range project with an estimated budget of \$500,000 a year contributed by "thoughtful people" and foundations. He added that he did not think President Johnson or former President Eisenhower knew in advance that the group had been organized.

It was noted, however that arrangements have been made for a series of radio programs "correcting the principal errors being currently propagated." These programs, to run 30 minutes each, will be presented, beginning within the next week, on 100 stations in 12 western and mid-western states. Mr. Larson and his colleagues indicated that these are the areas where rightists have made their greatest inroads.

The Council intends also "to prepare, publish and make available accurate information concerning extremist groups . . ." and "to

seek the co-operation of the press, radio and television in exposing these groups." There was considerable vagueness as to how the latter objective is to be reached.

The broadcasts, apparently already on tape, will include first-hand experiences of persons who have suffered as a result of alleged harassing activities by extremists of the right. Dr. Larson said they will expose "spying, economic and social pressures, stonings and even bombings."

One of those subjected to such attacks was present at the press conference. The Rev. John G. Simmons, a Lutheran minister, recalled how his home was bombed on Feb. 1, 1962, while he was speaking on the rightist threat to democracy at a synagogue in West Los Angeles. His wife had remained at home and escaped serious injury by inches. The case aroused resentment in Washington and across the country at the time, but there were never any arrests.

Mr. Simmons said that subsequent harassment included efforts to break up his church services, anonymous phone calls late at night and "economic pressures." He said that the tactics employed were identical to those described in the Birch Society's "Blue Book."

"By virtue of the saturation tactics used, radical reactionary propaganda is producing an impact even on large numbers of people who, themselves, are in no sense extremists or sympathetic to extremist views," Dr. Larson said. "When day after day they hear distortions of fact and sinister charges against persons or groups, often emanating from organizations with conspicuously respectable sounding names, it is no wonder that the result is confusion on some important public issues, stimulation of latent prejudices and creation of suspicion, fear and mistrust in relation not only to their representatives in government but even in relation to their neighbors."

At the same time, he said that the Council's counter-attack would be conducted on a factual level in which "stridency" would be avoided.

Sponsors of the Council said that they were concerning themselves at this time with extremists of the right because they are extremely active and vocal whereas those of the left are currently quiet and of little threat to American democracy.

Howard E. Kershner, president of the Christian Freedom Foundation, denied last night that his group was connected with the Birch Society in any

way. The supposed link was, J. Howard Pew, chief financial backer of CFF. Mr. Kershner said that Mr. Pew has given his support but has not been active in the Birch organization recently.

There is no link, either, between the Burchites and America's Future, according to its president, R. K. Scott. The alleged connection was through Thomas Anderson and F. Gano Chance, both described by the Council as trustees of America's Future and members of the National Council of the Birch Society. Mr. Scott admitted that Messrs. Anderson and Chance are on his board but insisted that he has "no control" over what they do otherwise. He said that they have given no financial support to America's Future.

He said that his organization is "basically conservative" but "by no means extreme right."

John Rousselot, national public relations director of the John Birch Society, said the society is proud of its record and "welcomes the so-called 'exposure' of its activities" by the National Council for Civic Responsibility.

Mr. Rousselot said, in part, "All the society asks is that Dr. Larson and his group present their views in an open, objective and honest manner."



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**REACTION TO THE RIGHT**—Dr. Arthur Larson announces formation of National Council for Civic Responsibility yesterday. The group aims to “expose and correct” activities of radical reactionary organizations like the John Birch Society.

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# Civic Leaders Form Anti-Birch Council

By MARTIN GANSBERG

More than 100 civic, educational, religious and business leaders joined forces yesterday in a move to tell "the truth about the John Birch Society and related radical reactionary groups."

The leaders, representing both major political parties and all sections of the country, announced formation of a National Council for Civic Responsibility aimed at exposing "impropriety of methods and falsity of substance" of the Birch Society and 12 organizations that are reportedly linked to the society by members or finances.

The chairman of the council is Arthur Larson, director of the World Rule by Law Center at Duke University and a former consultant to President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Among

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members of the council are Dr. Detlev V. Bronck, president of Rockefeller Institute; Gen. J. Lawton Collins, retired, vice chairman of Pfizer International; Marion B. Folsom, director of Eastman Kodak, who was a member of the Eisenhower Cabinet; Erwin N. Griswold, dean of the Harvard University Law School.

Also Clarence B. Randell, retired chairman of the board of Inland Steel; Dr. Vernon T. Miller, dean of the Catholic University Law School; Dr. Alan T. Waterman, chairman of the board of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Right Rev. Arthur C. Lichtenberger, presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The council, which will raise funds from the public, is being sponsored by the Public Affairs Institute, a nonprofit group with headquarters in Washington that was set up in 1947 for dissemination of information about Government activities.

Mr. Larson, who announced his support of the Johnson-Humphrey ticket in a letter to the President last week, held a news conference at the Overseas Press Club, 54 West 40th Street. He said that the council would play no role in the election campaigning.

"But we do have a growing concern about the damage that will be done to American standards of political discussion and responsible behavior in a democratic society" if misstatements on public issues and per-

sonalities are allowed to continue, he said.

Mr. Larson said that the council's members believed that "radical reactionary propaganda has reached the point where it is now going far beyond the function of merely reassuring the reactionary prejudices of a small fringe group."

He said that right-wing groups spent more than \$20 million a year to sponsor 7,000 radio and television broadcasts weekly in 50 states.

"Even more disquieting than the size of these activities," Mr. Larson declared, "is their rapid rate of growth."

Mr. Larson named the following organizations as being part of the major radical reactionary structure:

Americans for Constitutional Action, America's Future, Christian Crusade, Christian Freedom Foundation, Church League of America, Citizens Foreign Aid Committee, Conservative Society of America, Liberty Lobby, Manion Forum, National Economic Council, Dan Smoot Reports and We, the People.

One of the first projects of the council, Mr. Larson said, "will be to begin dignified, factual, documental" radio broadcasts at least twice a week at a cost of \$500,000 to expose "the daily distortions of the radical reactionary groups." The broadcasts are to begin soon in the West and Midwest.

#### Society 'Welcomes' Expose

PASADENA, Calif., Sept. 22 (UPI)—A spokesman said tonight the John Birch Society was proud of its record and "welcomes the so-called 'exposures' of its activities."

By Whitney M. Young Jr.

## 'Tyranny Over the Mind of Man'



The extremist John Birch Society has torn a page out of George Orwell's "1984" by peddling a leaflet extolling the virtues of Bull Connor, former Birmingham chief of police.

In a flier innocently titled, "Support Your Local Police," found plastered on automobile windshields on Long Island and Queens recently, history is distorted with all the crude audacity of the totalitarian fanatics pictured by Orwell in his classic study of dictatorship.

The Birchite tome claims onnor was "doing a superb job of maintaining law and order" during the street protests, that it was the civil rights demonstrators who "went up to the (police) line and deliberately kicked the dogs."

More audacious yet, the flier, a reprint from the Birchite Bulletin, claims the attack was a staged publicity stunt. It even rips CBS and the Boston Herald in particular (and the entire press and radio broadcasting industries in general), for their supposed inability to tell the "gullible" American people the truth.

Well, no doubt reporter and announcers at times do make mistakes. But to assert that "the police will be crucified" . . . in the press and over the airwaves, for practically everything they do in the line of duty" is sheer rot.

The Birchites even accuse the Justice Department of creating "most of the rioting" which occurred when the first Negro enrolled at the University of Mississippi. Nowhere is there any shred of evidence offered support their brief that the marshals were dispatched to stir up violence "as they obviously were intended to do."

But this flagrant falsehood serves their party line that local police can do no wrong, and federal police (marshals) can do no right; that the civil rights movement is violent and

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that white supremists are law-abiding.

The implication is also left that local police are never mistaken in maltreating Negroes—when such happenstances occur—and any beatings doled out are strictly “in the line of duty.”

The fact is, each charge of “police brutality” must be judged on its merits and setting up impartial civilian review boards and human relations courses for police—as Chicago’s Police Superintendent Orlando W. Wilson has done—are imperative.

While the majority of policemen do a fine, conscientious job day-in and day-out, for which no small credit is due them, there are a handful who often put their prejudices into their performances, sometimes against other minorities or poorly dressed people or those who “look different.”

The Birch flier, which winds up urging the public to oppose duly appointed civilian review boards, maintains a policy opposite to the spirit of free inquiry into the facts of a given situation, doubtless since they twist “evidence” to suit themselves.

If extremists disturb most reflective Americans, perhaps it is because they will resort to any means to achieve their end.

The danger they pose, whether Communist, Ku Kluxer or Bircher, is that the hatred and dissension which they sow among Americans may make people hesitate in their quest for seeking after the truth lest their patriotism and integrity be maligned.

Should this occur, thought control, like a curtain of night, would descend upon the nation—not imposed by an all-powerful police state as in Orwell’s expose, but by a climate of suspicion, mistrust, and fear induced by the hatemongers.

On this subject, we recall the words of Jefferson, etched into his Washington memorial: “I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.”

## Wilkins, 79 Other Leaders

# Organize Council To Expose Right Wingers

By RALPH E. KOGER

NEW YORK — Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, is one of the 80 national leaders, including former Cabinet members, governors, union chiefs, scientists and educators who have banded together in a National Council for Civic Responsibility to counteract the propaganda and activities of the John Birch Society, its vast network of contributory action, finance and propaganda affiliates, and other right-wing organizations.

The group will begin by exposing the activities of 12 John Birch Society "front" organizations. Formation of the National Council for Civic Responsibility, came about one week after the publishing of a study of right-wing groups, by Group Research, Inc., Washington, D.C., which selected some 30 right-wing groups for study, and revealed that right-wing organizations are spending over \$30 million per year and, apparently, tripled their income between 1958 and 1963.

Group Research, Inc., report says that right-wing groups have been growing, financially, at an average rate of 17 per cent per year, even with years of abnormally large growth excluded from the computation.

The leaders of the new National Council for Civic Responsibility say that their group will expose "impropriety of methods and falsity of substance" of the Birch Society, and its affiliates.

At an Overseas Press Club news conference, in New York City, Arthur Larson, director of the "World Rule By Law Center," at Duke University, who, also, is a former consultant to President Eisenhower, was introduced as chairman of the newly formed National Council for Civic Responsibility.

The council will raise funds from the public, and is being sponsored by the Public Affairs Institute, a non-profit group, with headquarters in

Washington. Public Affairs Institute was set up in 1947, for dissemination of information about government activities.

The Group Research, Inc., study says that due to our tax laws, taxpayers support, indirectly, "far more of the political and economic right-wing than they realize."

For example, recently, in Congress, Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez (D.-Tex.), complained that the Minuteman Society members were joining the Armed Forces reserve units by the thousands, to take advantage of some 400,000 free rifles and ammunition the Armed Forces are distributing, free, to promote, the nation's civilian marksmanship program.

Also, the Group Research, Inc., report said that right-wing organizations no longer have to depend on individual large contributions, although a substantial number of important contributors donate to numerous right-wing groups. The present-day, right-wing group earns millions of dollars from sale of publications, and radio and TV broadcasts, produced on schedule throughout the year. Support is based broadly, however, says the report, and is not dependent on just a few, but on hundreds of methods.

Group Research, Inc., was founded and is headed by Wesley McCune, a former Washington reporter for Newsweek,

Time, and Changing Times magazines.

The John Birch Society, says the report, as a unit alone, made \$826,100 in 1962, an increase of \$696,300, over 1959. It was founded by Robert Welch. The report says, also, that several of the right-wing organizations, such as the Christian Crusade, which earned \$775,400, in 1962, and is headed by Rev. Billy Hargis, says that the National Council of Churches has indicted itself "on 50 counts of treason to God and country."

Several other right-wing groups, also, continually attack the National Council of Churches, and receive steady broad-based contributions to continue the fight against the church council, according to the report.

The Group Research, Inc., report lists the segregationist Citizens Councils of America in its roster of analyzed right-wing groups.

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be "for the greatest good of the greatest number." (Or in their power-seeking plans pretended so to believe.) We want a restoration of a "government of laws, and not of men" in this country; and if a few impeachments are necessary to bring that about, then we are all for the impeachments.

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We believe that in a general way history repeats itself. For any combination of causes, similar to an earlier combination of causes, will lead as a rule to a combination of results somewhat similar to the one produced before. And history is simply a series of causes which produced results, and so on around cycles as clearly discernible as any of the dozens that take place elsewhere in the physical and biological sciences. But we believe that the most important history consists not of the repetitions but of the changes in these recurring links in the series. For the changes mark the extent to which man

has either been able to improve himself and his environment, or has allowed both to deteriorate, since the last time around. We think that this true history is largely determined by ambitious individuals (both good and evil) and by small minorities who really know what they want. And in the John Birch Society our sense of gratitude and responsibility (to God and to the noble men of the past), for what we have inherited makes us determined to exert our influence, labor, and sacrifice for changes which we think will constitute improvement.

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In summary, we are striving, by all honorable means at our disposal and to the limits of our energies and abilities, to bring about less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Because the Communists seek, always and everywhere, to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and a completely amoral world, we would have to oppose them at every turn, even on the philosophical level. Because

they are seeking through a gigantically organized conspiracy to destroy all opposition, we must fight them even more aggressively on the plane of action. But our struggle with the Communists, while the most urgent and important task before us today, is basically only incidental to our more important long-range and constructive purposes. For that very reason we are likely to be more effective against the Communists than if we were merely an ad hoc group seeking to expose and destroy so huge and powerful a gang of criminals. In organization, dedication, and purpose we offer a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have not faced in any other country. We have tried to raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. We welcome all honorable allies in this present unceasing war. And we hope that once they and we and millions like us have won a decisive victory at last, many of these same allies will join us in our long look toward the future.

## John Birch Society Investigated

### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, the Efficiency Research Bureau, a private investigating firm, has completed a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Findings of the Bureau are reported in the March 1962, issue of the Santa Ana Register, a newspaper published in Orange County. I believe the findings will be of interest to my colleagues. Under unanimous consent I place the report which appeared in the Register in the Appendix of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The report follows:

#### JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INVESTIGATED

A private investigating firm, Efficiency Research Bureau, 800 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, conducted a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Efficiency Research Bureau was hired by the president of a local manufacturing firm to make an impartial study.

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A five-man team of investigators, including a Negro clergyman, sat in on numerous Birch meetings and accumulated a wealth of data on the organization and its operation. The following are the 14 conclusions to which the investigating team came, based upon their extensive research:

1. Many of the allegations and rumors against the John Birch Society could not be supported by fact.
2. The John Birch Society is an anti-Communist movement open to anyone interested in joining or attending meetings.
3. It's not a secret organization, but rather groups meeting for discussion of views and ways in which to fight the international Communist conspiracy.
4. The majority of John Birch Society members don't support or agree with many of the statements of Robert Welch, the society's founder; they seldom disagree with him on policy.
5. Each chapter is independent and each member cooperates with chapter, State and national views according to the dictates of his own conscience.
6. Efficiency Research Bureau investigators attending these meetings have found groups as small as 15 and as large as 59 at a single meeting. About 15 seemed to be preferred.
7. All indications show that the John Birch Society anti-Communist movement is growing continuously and steadily.

8. Utilizing both white and colored investigators, it was learned the John Birch Society isn't anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, or anti any religious group. That they, in fact, have chapters comprised entirely of colored membership. Also, it was found John Birch Society has Jewish members on the national advisory council.

9. Investigators found no evidence of violence or unlawful activity engaged in by the John Birch Society.

10. Investigators did learn that there were individuals who carried personal prejudices with them into the organization. It was learned John Birch Society works to isolate persons with such prejudice. If a whole chapter is found to share certain prejudices the area coordinators try to disseminate such groups.

11. Investigators learned there is a John Birch Society major coordinator for Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties and he has two coordinators directly under him.

12. Investigators expected to find a dictatorship and didn't find it.

13. The society as a whole works very hard to make sure that John Birch Society isn't used as a vehicle to promote prejudices.

14. Investigative work included checking out documented information by factfinding groups which is used as a basis for some John Birch Society work.

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## Beliefs and Principles of the John Birch Society

### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues have questioned me concerning the beliefs and principles of the John Birch Society. For their benefit, under unanimous consent I insert those beliefs and principles in the Appendix of the Record.

#### GENERAL BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

I

With very few exceptions the members of the John Birch Society are deeply religious people. A member's particular faith is entirely his own affair. Our hope is to make better Catholics, better Protestants, better Jews—or better Moslems—out of those who belong to the society. Our never-ending concern is with morality, integrity, and purpose. Regardless of the differences between us in creed and dogma, we all believe that man is endowed by a Divine Creator with an innate desire and conscious purpose to improve both his world and himself. We believe that the direction which constitutes improvement is clearly visible and identifiable throughout man's known history, and that this God-given upward reach in the heart of man is a composite conscience to which we all must listen.

II

We believe that the Communists seek to drive their slaves and themselves along exactly the opposite and downward direction, to the Satanic debasement of both man and his universe. We believe that communism is as utterly incompatible with all religion as it is contemptuous of all morality and destructive of all freedom. It is intrinsically evil. It must be opposed, therefore, with equal firmness, on religious grounds, moral grounds, and political grounds. We believe that the continued coexistence of communism and a Christian-style civilization on one planet is impossible. The struggle between them must end with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed. We intend to do our part, therefore, to halt, weaken, rout, and eventually to bury, the whole international Communist conspiracy.

III

We believe that means are as important as ends in any civilized society. Of all the falsehoods that have been so widely and deliberately circulated about us, none is so viciously untrue as the charge that we are willing to condone foul means for the sake

of achieving praiseworthy ends. We think that communism as a way of life, for instance, is completely wrong; but our ultimate quarrel with the Communists is that they insist on imposing that way of life on the rest of us by murder, treason, and cruelty rather than by persuasion. Even if our own use of force ever becomes necessary and morally acceptable because it is in self-defense, we must never lose sight of the legal, traditional, and humanitarian considerations of a compassionate civilization. The Communists recognize no such compulsions, but this very ingredient of amoral brutishness will help to destroy them in the end.

IV

We believe in patriotism. Most of us will gladly concede that a parliament of nations, designed for the purpose of increasing the freedom and ease with which individuals, ideals, and goods might cross national boundaries, would be desirable. And we hope that in some future decade we may help to bring about such a step of progress in man's pursuit of peace, prosperity, and happiness. But we feel that the present United Nations was designed by its founders for the exactly opposite purpose of increasing the rigidity of Government controls over the lives and affairs of individual men. We believe it has become, as it was intended to become, a major instrumentality for the establishment of a one-world Communist tyranny over the population of the whole earth. One of our most immediate objectives, therefore, is to get the United States out of the United Nations, and the United Nations out of the United States. We seek thus to save our own country from the gradual and piecemeal surrender of its sovereignty to this Communist-controlled supergovernment, and to stop giving our support to the steady enslavement of other people through the machinations of this Communist agency.

V

We believe that a constitutional Republic, such as our Founding Fathers gave us, is probably the best of all forms of government. We believe that a democracy, which they tried hard to obviate, and into which the liberals have been trying for 50 years to convert our Republic, is one of the worst of all forms of government. We call attention to the fact that up to 1928 the U.S. Army Training Manual still gave our men in uniform the following quite accurate definition, which would have been thoroughly approved by the Constitutional Convention that established our Republic. "Democracy: A Government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any form of direct expression results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic—negating property rights. Attitude towards law is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse,

without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy." It is because all history proves this to be true that we repeat so emphatically: "This is a Republic, not a democracy; let's keep it that way."

VI

We are opposed to collectivism as a political and economic system, even when it does not have the police-state features of communism. We are opposed to it no matter whether the collectivism be called socialism or the welfare state or the New Deal or the Fair Deal or the New Frontier, or advanced under some other semantic disguise. And we are opposed to it no matter what may be the framework or form of government under which collectivism is imposed. We believe that increasing the size of government, increasing the centralization of government, and increasing the functions of government all act as brakes on material progress and as destroyers of personal freedom.

VII

We believe that even where the size and functions of government are properly limited, as much of the power and duties of government as possible should be retained in the hands of as small governmental units as possible, as close to the people served by such units as possible. For the tendencies of any governing body to waste, expansion, and despotism all increase with the distance of that body from the people governed; the more closely any governing body can be kept under observation by those who pay its bills and provide its delegated authority, the more honestly responsible it will be. And the diffusion of governmental power and functions is one of the greatest safeguards against tyranny man has yet devised. For this reason it is extremely important in our case to keep our township, city, County and State governments from being bribed and coerced into coming under one direct chain of control from Washington.

VIII

We believe that for any people eternal vigilance is the price of liberty far more as against the insidious encroachment of internal tyranny than against the danger of subjugation from the outside or from the prospect of any sharp and decisive revolution. In a republic we must constantly seek to elect and to keep in power a government we can trust, manned by people we can trust, maintaining a currency we can trust, and working for purposes we can trust (none of which we have today). We think it is even more important for the government to obey the laws than for the people to do so. But for 30 years we have had a steady stream of governments which increasingly have regarded our laws and even our Constitution as mere pieces of paper, which should not be allowed to stand in the way of what they, in their omniscient benevolence, considered to

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to this agency to find out if there is any information available concerning the <sup>Office of</sup> John Birch Society and to determine the validity of the enclosed circular. If there is no information concerning this organization can I be advised as to how I could approach the problem of determining if the enclosed circular is taken from the Congressional Record or not.

Also if there is no available information as to the sincerity of this organization, I would like to be advised as to why the Federal Bureau of Investigation has not investigated this organization to determine if they are worthy of the attention of an American concerned with the problems of

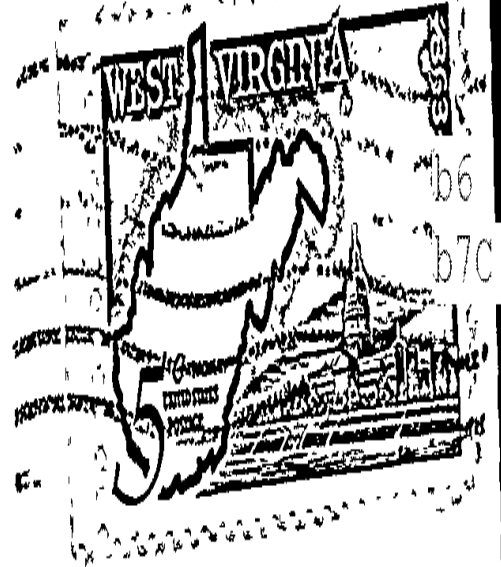
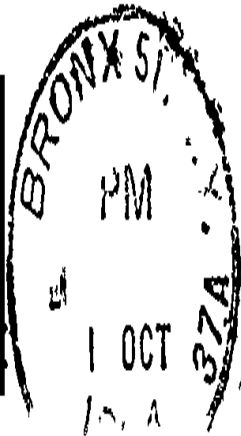
Communist infiltration. Thank you  
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to me in this matter.

Sincerely



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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New York,  
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201 East 69th Street  
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Dear [Redacted]:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 1, 1964, and enclosure relative to the John Birch Society.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. Your attention is called to the fact that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character and integrity of any organization.

In the event that you desire information concerning this testimony set out in the Congressional Record, it is suggested that you consider contacting your Congressman and attempt through him to get a copy of the Federal Register covering the testimony of JOHN A. ROUSSELOT before the House of Representatives on June 12 and 14, 1962.

Very truly yours,

*JF*  
JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

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## BIRCH SOCIETY SUES N.B.C. FOR \$8 MILLION

FORT WORTH, Oct. 6 (UPI) —Two libel and slander suits were filed in United States District Court today in behalf of the John Birch Society, its president and two of its members. The suits accused the National Broadcasting Company and asked \$8 million damages.

The plaintiffs charged that Chet Huntley and David Brinkley, N.B.C. television newscasters, said the Federal Bureau of Investigation "had arrested certain parties who engaged in selling arms and ammunition feloniously acquired to the John Birch Society."

One suit, demanding \$6 million, was filed in the names of Robert Welch, president of the society; Laurence E. Bunker of Boston and McDonald Hays of Amarillo, Tex.

The suit asks \$1 million actual damages and \$1 million punitive damages each for the three men. The second suit, making the same charges, was filed in the name of the John Birch Society. It asks \$1 million punitive damages and \$1 million actual damages for the society.

Russell Baker, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said the suit was filed in Fort Worth because it has "a climate area where we felt we could get a fair trial."

Fort Worth, Mr. Baker said, has a hall named in honor of John Birch.

N.B.C. offered no comment yesterday on the suit. A spokesman said here that N.B.C. had not been notified of the suit.

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## Ike Likes Birch

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY celebrated the best eight months of any corporate year in its history by purchasing from the Los Angeles *Times* the right to print an advertising supplement for distribution with its issue of Sunday, Sept. 25.

The society's brochure ran to 14 pages persuasively ornamented with rotogravures of persons of respectable mien in various manifestations of what Robert Welch, the founder, calls "the 'upward reach' of man."

There is a spread of photographs of the society's action programs: a lady with a cupid's bow mouth soliciting the neighbors with her "Impeach Earl Warren" petition; the flowered John Birch float in the Dallas Fourth of July parade; and a motorcycle policeman kneeling in gratitude to a car bumper sticker saying "Support Your Local Police," an action program to which the society seems to have converted enough Brooklyn bookies to disturb Police Commissioner Murphy.

There is also a page of portraits of six National Leaders whose statements the society offers as endorsements of the product. One is J. Edgar Hoover, whose statement does not mention the John Birch Society; another is Sen. Strom Thurmond, who says that he does not use the stuff but likes it; a third is former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, who is grateful to the society for its fight against Godless communism and for giving his son a job. Two other National Leaders have names which, until now, have escaped the national consciousness.

Then there is a sixth National Leader. His portrait carries the expression that we have loved so long and that asks, "And what are they doing to me now?" There is the unnecessary identification of "DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, former president of the United States" and, below that, this quotation:

"The John Birch Society is a good patriotic society. I don't agree with what its founder said about me but that does not detract from the fact that its membership is comprised of many fine Americans dedicated to the preservation of our libertarian republic."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Editor: RICHARD D. PETERS  
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What Robert Welch said, of course, was that Eisenhower was the first President whose conduct in office had led reasonable men to conclude that he was a conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy. This judgment is Welch's main contribution to historical scholarship; its proclamation has also been the major detriment to the society's growth potential, since there is no species of character assassination which so enrages respectable Americans as the assault on persons of position and reputation so lofty as to be beyond damage by the wildest exertions of personal malice.

Now, Eisenhower can be presented as speaking of the John Birch Society in the mellowest tones. But the society, even while it flourishes that favor, is principled enough not to mellow too much towards him. "Mr. Welch," its supplement explains elsewhere, "(has stated) that the reader can reasonably conclude that President Eisenhower has been deceived by the Communists. . . . Mr. Welch's concern is understandable."

There arises the question whether Eisenhower really said that the society is "good (and) patriotic," even though he will have to be excused from agreeing that he himself is a Communist agent. The society's cited source for these words is George Todt, the anti-Communist columnist of the Los Angeles *Herald-Examiner*. It would be curious if an institution as substantial as the Los Angeles *Times* would sell space for the distribution of a lie.

But perhaps nobody cares. When a Negro ballplayer is quoted as indorsing the Black Muslims, his remarks attract more notice than this extraordinary statement attributed to a former President. This document has been loose on the market for more than three weeks; yet I, who am moderately attentive in these matters, had never heard it mentioned until a friend sent it to me yesterday.

And no one was available at the Eisenhower Foundation in Valley Forge yesterday who seemed ever to have heard of it either.

The Birch Society has an abounding future. Any enterprise does when it can trap its most conspicuous victim into a sales message this perfectly suited to attract enough customers to make victims of all the rest of us.

"A flurry was stirred on the West Coast recently as Californians read an apparent endorsement of the John Birch Society by former President Eisenhower.

But as word of the purported endorsement spread eastward it was met with a stiff denial from a spokesman for the former President.

The dispute began when the John Birch Society paid for an advertising supplement in The Los Angeles Times which included some kind words about the Right-wing society from a half dozen "national leaders."

Among them was a picture of Gen. Eisenhower and this quotation:

"The Birch Society is a good, patriotic society. I don't agree with what its founder said about me but that does not detract from the fact that its membership is comprised of many fine Americans dedicated to the preservation of our libertarian Republic."

Had the former President endorsed the John Birch Society (whose founder and president, Robert H. W. Welch jr., had called Gen. Eisenhower "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy")?

"Unauthorized and incorrect," an aid of the former President said in Gettysburg, Pa., when asked about the purported quotation from Gen. Eisenhower in the Birch Society's advertisement.

The spokesman for the former President added: "Without expressing any approbation whatsoever about the John Birch Society and having expressed specifically his resentment of the despicable and false allegations made by the head of the society,

the General, at the same time, has said on occasions that he is quite sure that among its members are many devoted citizens sincerely dedicated to the United States."

The source of the quotation attributed to Gen. Eisenhower is listed in the advertisement as a column by George Todt in The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner last March 23.

John H. Rousselot, a former Congressman and the national public relations director for the John Birch Society, said in San Marino, Calif., that Gen. Eisenhower had made the statement about the Birch Society at a televised airport press conference in Los Angeles during the fall of 1962.

Mr. Rousselot said he had heard the quotation on television himself as had others, including Mr. Todt. Since it was made at a press conference and carried on television, the society considered the quotation to be public property, Mr. Rousselot said.

Other "national leaders" quoted in the society's advertisement included FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover (whose statement warns against the "menace of Red fascism" but does not mention the John Birch Society); Ezra Taft Benson, former Secretary of Agriculture under President Eisenhower (whose statement expresses admiration for his son, Reed's, membership in the society); Sen. Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina (who says he is not a member himself but is for any group that is against communism), and the Rev. J. L. Ward, of Nashville, Tenn., and W. Cleon Skousen, former FBI agent and chief of police of Salt Lake City.

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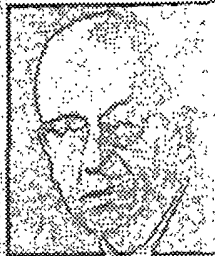
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**Former President Eisenhower, circled, shares one page of a two-page John Birch Society advertisement with J. Edgar Hoover, Ezra Taft Benson, Strom Thurmond, Rev. J. L. Ward, W. Cleon Skousen.**

# NATIONAL LEADERS SAY:



J. Edgar Hoover, Director of  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
I would have had been a young  
American professor of the civil ser-  
vants the president and the  
bureau of state about the man-  
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the world and progress who  
have been to be made and to be  
the people with the human  
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WILLIAM TAYLOR BRIDSON, General  
 and Secretary of Agriculture,  
 1875-1880.

"When he was Road joined I expressed my opinion that I was convinced that The John Birch Society was the most effective right-wing organization in our fight against creeping socialism and Uncle Communism. I also stated that I admired Road's courage and confidence for doing so."



of The Young United States  
and a member of The Johns  
Hopkins University. He has  
been a member of the  
National Academy of Sciences  
and the American Academy  
of Arts and Letters. He has  
also been a member of the  
National Council on the  
Handicapped and the  
National Council on the  
Aging. He has been a  
member of the National  
Council on the Arts and  
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the Humanities. He has  
also been a member of the  
National Council on the  
Environment and the  
National Council on the  
Economy. He has been a  
member of the National  
Council on the Family and  
the National Council on  
the Judiciary. He has also  
been a member of the  
National Council on the  
Labor and the National  
Council on the Law.

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The John Birch Society is one of the greatest organizations in the world today. It is not self-serving. Its concern is with justice for all and the peace and dignity



W. CLEON BOGGS, Former  
FBI Agent and Chief of Police  
Salt Lake City

"I certainly would have no quarrel with anyone who wishes to disagree with some idea presented by the John Birch Society. In a Republic this should be expected. However, no American should stand by and see a legitimate group of American citizens dishonestly ridiculed and smeared in the nation's press of the international 'communist conspiracy'."



Deputy Secretary for  
New Zealand at the United  
Nations

The John Birch Society is a great patriotic society. I disagree with what its founder said about me but that does not detract from the fact that its membership is composed of men and women dedicated to the preservation of our American Republic.

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK A --6-- VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM PHILADELPHIA /100-45661/ 1P  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, RM.

LOCAL SOURCE ADVISED CONFIDENTIALLY TODAY OF INFO RE  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY BEING CIRCULATED WITHIN THE ANTI-DEFAMATION  
LEAGUE OF B-NAI BRITH BY ADL NATIONAL OFFICE, NEW YORK CITY\

QUOTE CHAPTER LEADER PAREN OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY END PAREN  
HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO ALERT ALL THEIR MEMBERS TO STAND BY ON  
SATURDAY, OCT. THIRTYONE, FROM TWELVE NOON TO SIX P.M., FOR AN  
EXTRA SPECIAL JOHN BIRCH ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
ELECTION CAMPAIGN. NO DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AS TO THE NATURE  
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DEPT. ACCORDINGLY, PHILA. MAKING NO LOCAL DISSEMINATION  
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# Newsday

Garden City, Long Island, New York, Telephone, Pioneer 1-1234

Harry F. Guggenheim, President and Publisher

Al Marlens, City Editor

October 22nd, 1964

[redacted]  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1505 Kelum Place  
Garden City, New York

Dear [redacted]

I am writing this letter to provide a permanent, accurate record of why [redacted] will be found on the membership roles of the John Birch Society. She is on the membership list under the name of [redacted] New York. [redacted] The person who actually has that membership is [redacted] a news reporter, who took [redacted] name because her own is publicly known and she was directed to join the Birch Society by myself.

This letter for your files is intended to protect the reputation of [redacted] who was good enough to permit her identity to be used so that [redacted] a reporter, could carry out her assignment.

If you will recall, I wrote a similar letter to you some time ago when in similar circumstances a reporter named [redacted] joined the American Nazi Party.

If, for any reason, you feel that you cannot keep a permanent record of this letter, please let me know but I would greatly appreciate your doing it for me and for [redacted]

Sincerely, [redacted]

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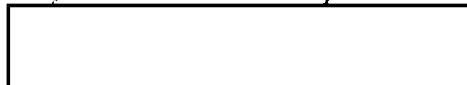
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen: —

I AM writing this letter in search of information, concerning the John Birch Society.

I AM presently employed with a "Secret" security clearance. This is essential in my particular field AND I shouldn't like to jeopardize it in any way. I have been approached by a member of the Birch Society, to attend a meeting with the possibility of ultimately joining. So, therefore before I even consider attending any such meetings I wish you would advise me as to whether the "Birch Society" is considered subversive or in any way detrimental to the cause of the American way of life.

Sincerely



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Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter of October 21st has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped that you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-144597)

DATE: 10/29/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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On 10/26/64, [REDACTED] advised that his [REDACTED] who is 19 years of age & a student at Queens College, has been active in captioned organization & has recently been offered the job as [REDACTED] of a new cell or branch in Queens, CS knew of no other details but he is concerned over [REDACTED] activity in this group but his counselling is ignored by his [REDACTED]

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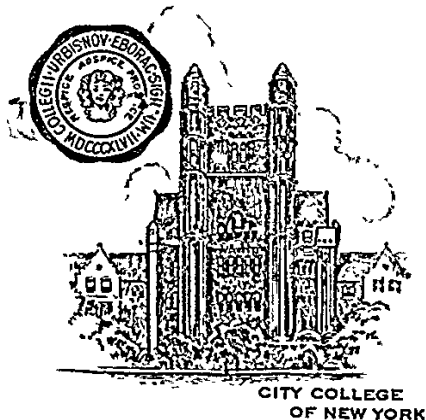
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39 Marcy Place  
New York City  
10452  
November 9, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East 69th Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

I thought it advisable to check with you before I took any action or did any joining. As a college student, I feel a keen sence of awareness of the problems of the United States. The most outstanding of America's problems is Communism and its spread.

Our recent presidential elections, I had hoped, would change the administration and bring in new "tough on Communism" policies. Barry Goldwater's thwarted attempt at the presidency has totally disheartened me.

As a civilian, I have very few agencies open to me so that I might personally fight against the cancer of Communism. The only organization which I can see personally allows the private citizen to actually combat Communism is the John Birch Society.

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Although I definitely believe in the anti-Communist views of the Society, I have, however, I heard that the Society is so far right wing that it either boaders on or is subversive and fascist in nature.

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Before I look any further into the John Birch Society, I wish to know if your organization, in which I have complete faith, has come accross anything to substanciate the talk about the Society's fascist and anti-semetic foundations.

I have no desire to have you reveal any information which might be classified or in any way confidential. I do, however, ask you if you feel that joining the John Birch Society is a proper organization for a strongly anti-Communist minded individual? Would being a member of the Society jeopardize an individual's ability to get security clearance for a government job?

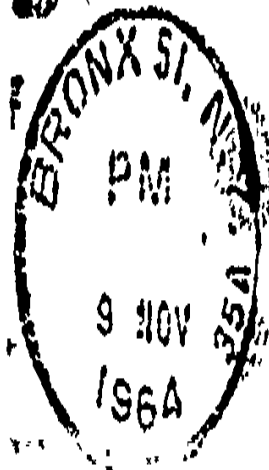
Thank you for attention to my queries. I would appreciate a reply at your earliest possible convenience.

Respectfully yours,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Address]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York

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201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York  
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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 9, 1964.

While I would like to be of service to you, it is to be noted that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a fact-finding agency and it is not within the jurisdiction of this organization to furnish information on any individual or organization. This does not intend to reflect that this office does or does not have information on the organization mentioned in your letter.

With regard to your inquiry as to whether being a member of the John Birch Society would jeopardize an individual's ability to get security clearance for a government job, it is not within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to grant clearance for government employment. This is within the province of the particular government agency with whom employment is sought.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

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- 1 - New York

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**JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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On 12/7/64, [redacted] New England Regional  
Office of Daniel Birch, 72 Franklin Street, Boston,  
Massachusetts, advised that [redacted]

[redacted] New York, has volunteered  
to undertake a research project for the Anti-Defamation  
League concerning the John Birch Society. This research  
will be confined to the New York area.

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[redacted] has been very cooperative in the past in  
matters of interest to the FBI and has offered to share  
the results of the project with the FBI should any  
information be developed of interest.

The above is furnished as a matter of possible interest  
to the Bureau and New York.

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Dear Sir,

I have heard of the John Birch Society and am interested in becoming a member. But, if a member of my family wished, in the future, to join the F.B.I. as an agent, will my membership be detrimental to him?

I would appreciate a written reply to this letter, if it is at all possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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New York, New York  
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Dear [REDACTED]:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 4, 1964, in which you make certain inquiry.


While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. Your attention is called to the fact that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character and integrity of any organization.

I know you will understand the necessity for our policy in this regard and will not infer either that we do or that we do not, have the information you requested.

Very truly yours,

  
JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East 69th Street  
N.Y., N.Y.

Re: 100-144597  
John Birch Society *11*

Gentlemen:

I am interested in learning something of the above organization.

At one time I had my own opinion of the group, this being that they are completely pro-American and not at all radical. But lately there have been so many conflicting comments made concerning same that now I am completely confused.

Since I had been most interested in becoming a member of the John Birch Society I want to be sure (as far as possible) of what I will be getting into. I want to be sure this is an organization for the sole purpose of getting more people interested in our American way of life-and the people who are in government-an organization with conservative viewpoints-and a wholesome moral code.

You seem to be the only one to whom I can turn for a truthful and unprejudiced answer. Is this a pro-American organization interested only in enlightening the public on what's going on in our government or does it in fact profess anti-American or un-American ideas?

Kindly advise me what knowledge you have of the John Birch Society.

Thanking you in advance for your reply. I am

  
Sincerely,

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201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York  
March 2, 1965

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Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 25, 1965, in which you make certain inquiry.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. Your attention is called to the fact that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character and integrity of any organization.

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Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

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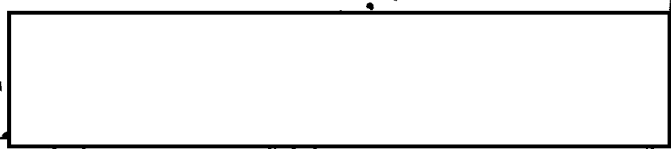
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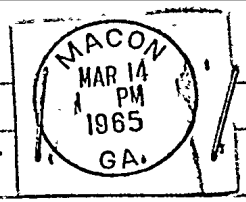
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Macon, GA.



Dear Mr. Hoover,

Please permit me to take a few minutes of your time to read this letter.

I recently joined the John Birch Society because I believe that it is the only real or at least the most effective way of alerting the people of our great country to the very serious dangers of Communism.

I studied the Society very carefully before I joined and while I may disagree with a few things Mr. Dietrich says, I still think that he is a very conscientious American & I do agree with most of his beliefs. I have been to the two presentations where people are introduced to the

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John Birch Society and people  
 are told that if they are under  
 the impression that the John  
 Birch Society is against the  
 Negro, Jew or any person or  
 religion, (as the press likes to  
 have people believe) then don't  
 join because the only persons or  
 thing we are fighting is the  
 Communist Conspiracy.

It would appear to me  
 that this organization does not  
 deserve the title of 'Extremist'  
 simply because the truth is  
 presented to the people we  
 come in contact with. I re-  
 alize that [redacted] had at  
 one time before the Society was  
 founded, made some pretty strong  
 statements about a few people &  
 I agree with some of them &  
 judging from his record of being

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Pretty accurate I can't help  
but believe 4/5 of them.

I have long thought you  
were in the best position to  
advise on anything of this  
sort and that you were  
one of the true patriots of  
our Country. I would like  
to take this opportunity to thank  
you for the wonderful job  
you have done for this  
Country. I wish you  
were more powerful than  
you are. But this I know  
(there are people in higher  
positions than yourself whom  
I don't have the confidence  
I should have.

I have also been think-  
ing about subscribing to the

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Communist Daily Worker from New York. I happened to see a copy the other day & it is beyond my understanding how we can allow this paper to be sold to the American public. Having studied the methods of the Communist Sec, I feel I can understand and interpret what they are doing with this paper but unfortunately there are some of us who tend to believe anything that is printed.

Any encouragement or advice you may give me will be very much appreciated. As a few of my friends know I am writing you for your opinion of the F. B. Society. I think that whether they ever believe that our country is in

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danger of Communism will  
depend on your reply. By  
the way if you do know of  
a better way to fight Com-  
munism please tell me be-  
cause I certainly want to  
join it.

Thanks very much,



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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 14th has been received and I can appreciate the concern prompting you to write. It was thoughtful of you to let me know of your subscription plans.

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With regard to the John Birch Society, I am unable to comment in the manner you have indicated as information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret it is not possible to be of help to you in this instance and trust you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relative to the subject of your inquiry.

It is always reassuring to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of the communist conspiracy and who desire to combat this threat to our freedoms. I am enclosing some material, in response to your request, on the general topic of communism. Perhaps you may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written in order to help readers gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-0)

DATE: 3/9/65

FROM : SA HEINZ H. EISELE

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
DUTCHESS COUNTY CHAPTER  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 2/25/65, [redacted] a resident of [redacted]  
[redacted] Poughkeepsie, NY, and employed as Executive  
[redacted] and  
[redacted] a resident of [redacted]  
NY, and employed by [redacted] visited the Poughkeepsie,  
New York resident agency. [redacted] identified  
himself as [redacted] the Dutchess County John  
Birch Society and advised that there currently is a total  
membership of 19. [redacted] identified himself as a member  
of the Dutchess County Chapter of the John Birch Society.

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The above two individuals identified another  
member of the Society as [redacted] who is employed

[redacted]  
[redacted] Poughkeepsie, New York. They furnished his residence  
[redacted] New York. [redacted] stated that  
[redacted] has been a resident of New York State for approximately  
one year and had been recommended to the local Chapter of  
the Birch Society through another member in the State of  
California. According to [redacted] had apparently  
been associated with a member of the John Birch Society  
in the State of California.

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[redacted] further advised that he suspects [redacted]  
[redacted] of possibly being a member of the Communist  
Party. In this regard he pointed out that [redacted] subscribes  
to the "Daily Worker", the "National Guardian" and other  
"left wing" publications which he was unable to identify.

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[ ] further related that [ ] on one occasion said that his father was a member of the Communist Party.

[ ] further advised that he has been unable to learn of any specific background data relating to [ ] however, pointed out that on one occasion [ ] claimed to have been "picked up" for questioning by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office or the Poughkeepsie City Police in reference to an alleged threatening phone call regarding the visit of former Vice-Presidential candidate [ ] in Poughkeepsie during the last campaign.

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[ ] also advised that locally [ ] had engaged himself as a worker for the GOLDWATER Campaign and on one occasion during the campaign the windows in his automobile or pick up truck had been smashed while it was parked in the driveway at his home.

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[ ] described [ ] approximately [ ] years of age, height 5'10", build stocky to obese, peculiarities, wears glasses, hair dark black and curly, marital status, married, [ ]

[ ] advised that should any additional pertinent information relating to the activities of [ ] come to his attention he would report it to the FBI immediately.

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The above is being submitted for information purposes and indexing.

New York, New York  
April 2, 1965

New York 100-144597

John Birch Society  
Suffolk County, New York

On April 1, 1965, [redacted]  
[redacted] Criminal Intelligence Squad, Suffolk  
County Police Department, advised that on March 29, 1965,  
the John Birch Society held its first rally in Suffolk  
County, Long Island, New York, at the Thatched Cottage  
Restaurant.

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There were approximately 400 persons in attendance  
who paid \$1.50 each in admission. Among the speakers was  
Scott Stanley, Jr., Managing Editor of the Birch monthly  
magazine "American Opinion", and [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that Stanley's speech  
was titled "Red Heads of State", and spoke of the  
"International Communist conspiracy" that had engulfed  
Cuba, Venezuela, Algeria, Bolivia and Indonesia since  
World War II and said that not one of these takeovers would  
have been possible "without the direct or indirect aid of  
the United States State Department". He ended his speech  
by urging all his listeners "to go out and become  
right-wing extremists". He said a loyal and moral American  
can be nothing else.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised on April 1, 1965, that  
[redacted] John Birch  
Society in the Huntington Township area of Suffolk County,  
is the owner of the Thatched Cottage Restaurant.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached are 3 copies of a LHM setting forth information concerning the captioned matter.

Information from [redacted] was obtained by SA [redacted]

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The source mentioned in [redacted]  
[redacted] NY, [redacted]  
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This is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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April 8, 1965

The John Birch Society  
Belmont 78  
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I would like to cancel my membership in the society.  
I have been a member since September, 1964, but I am moving  
from Long Island this week. Please do not send me any more  
JBS literature.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

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*[Signature]*

# Newsday

Garden City, Long Island, New York, Telephone, Pioneer 1-1234

Harry F. Guggenheim, *President and Publisher*

Al Marlens, *City Editor*

April 8, 1965

[redacted]  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1505 Kelum Place  
Garden City, New York

Dear [redacted]:

On October 22, 1964 I wrote you informing you that  
[redacted] a Newsday reporter, had joined the  
John Birch Society under the name of [redacted]

This letter is to inform you that in a letter dated  
April 8, 1965 [redacted] has cancelled her membership  
in the Society. I am attaching to this letter a copy  
of her letter to the John Birch Society.

Sincerely,  
[redacted]

City Editor

AM: jcl

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Dear

As promised, you will find enclosed literature covering in brief the activities of Communist Agents in the United States. Also, enclosed you will find some materials that will probably shock you (most of, if not all, will). Specifically, the literature on the John Birch Society.

About one month ago, a woman that I have known since my early high school years, during a discussion of the past presidential campaigns made a comment concerning her belief that the John Birch Society is a Communist Supported front organization. That observation is common among many people that are not acquainted with the "truth". But everyone will say that it is a secret radical organization similar in nature to the Ku Klux Klan (I personally am not familiar with the background of the Klan, so I will reserve comments on them until I have authoritative, first hand information). However, may I assure you that the John Birch Society is not a Communist Organization (it is definitely the strongest anti-commie group in the U.S.A.), it is not a secret organization (my sending you information distributed by the group should be proof enough), it is not anti-Negro, it is not anti-Semitic, it is not fascist, and I could go on and on and on.

The Society is a National Organization with members from every walk of life, every religion, every race-creed and color. Its membership comprises men and women that joined together to fight, what we like to call world war three, the spread of Communism over the planet and especially over the greatest nation in the world, The United States of America.

I joined the society one year ago next month (May 1964). I was one of three friends that formed the first chapter in Dutchess County and for that matter, one of the first in New York State. We have in one year grown to a membership of some thirty and expect that <sup>within</sup> 1965 will have from 100 to 125 actively participating.

I do hope that you will examine this material very carefully and pass it on to your parents and family. Due to predominant public opinion at this time, I would advise you not to make this material available to just anyone. Select only those eyes that you trust implicitly. Examine your own preconceived notions of what the society was and you will understand clearly why I extend this advice.

The material enclosed covers primarily the Civil Rights Movement. The evidence is DAMNING and irrefutable. The book "Color Communism and Common Sense" is the best I have read, mainly because it was written by a former Negro Communist. The author Manning Johnson was murdered immediately following its publication.

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An excellent review of communist penetration into nearly every phase of American life will be found in "None Dare Call it Treason" by John Stormer. You may already have heard of the book and if so, you may have also heard that the author is bigoted, or any of a number of charges. The left wing liberals in the United States have attempted (how successfully I don't know) to discredit the author and the material contained. I personally (although you don't even know who I am for that matter) will endorse the author and the contents. I will give special backing to the section covering radio and television (which you probably easily confirm, too).

All of the literature, except the John Birch Society Introductory Packet and "New York -- Terror in the Streets, I would expect returned. If you would like to keep it...None Dare Call it Treason cost me 50cents -- The Civil Rights Packet cost me \$1.00. I subscribe to the school of thought that 'one appreciated most that which he (she) must sacrifice for -- in other words -- "shell-out kid if ya want the goods!

Its' 1:30 in the morning -- its' been a long day -- so 73's for now. (73's is Ham Radio code for "best regards".

Unrelatedly yours,



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P.S. I don't know what got into me last week. I got tired of living at home so I Purchased a Mobile Home. I hope you'll get a chance some day to see it. It's a great forced savings plan for me anyway!

April 25, 1965

Gentlemen;

My fiance received this letter April 24, 1965, and after reading it, we both agreed that it was our duty to send it along to you.

We hope that it will be of some use to you.

Should you wish any further information, feel free to contact me.

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With the letter was a batch of booklets, which we are returning to the author of the letter, as instructed by him. Would you like for us to pass them along to you before returning them, for your inspection?

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 4/25/65

FROM : IC [redacted] #12

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SUBJECT: John Birch Society (100-144597)  
Info. Concerning (PSI)

[redacted] NYC, telephone number [redacted], telephonically contacted the NYO and advised that an acquaintance of his, [redacted] " or [redacted] (phonetic) [redacted], asked him to join the John Birch Society. [redacted] requested information regarding the loyalty of this organization to the United States. The writer informed [redacted] that the FBI is <sup>not</sup> permitted to supply information concerning any organization pursuant to Executive Order 10450. [redacted] then stated that his services were available, if the FBI made such a request, being that he was acquainted with a member - "[redacted]" or "[redacted]" [redacted] of the said organization.

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The writer expressed his appreciation to [redacted] regarding his interest in this matter and that a record would be made of this conversation.

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6/15/65

SA [REDACTED] (#43)

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NATIONAL RENAISSANCE PARTY  
RACIAL MATTERS

On 6/15/65, Detective [REDACTED] Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD, advised SA [REDACTED] a meeting was held at Town Hall on 6/14/65, sponsored by right wing groups including the American Opinion Books Club, Christian Crusade and John Birch Society. This meeting was held from approximately 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. [REDACTED] stated his report did not reflect whether admission to this meeting was free or paid, but he believes it was paid. Before the meeting began from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., two members of the National Renaissance Party distributed leaflets. Bureau of Special Services did not have copies of these leaflets.

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At about 8:30 p.m., [REDACTED] of the John Birch Society, opened the meeting announcing that its purpose was to "awaken America to the day's Communist threat". SAMUEL BLOOMFELD, John Birch Society, also spoke.

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BILLY JAMES HARGIS, Christian Crusade, was the main speaker. HARGIS stated he had uncovered the "bombshell of the decade" which was a secret plan to establish world government through disarmament. HARGIS stated that a clergyman in California had referred [REDACTED] a former employee of North American Aviation, to him (HARGIS). [REDACTED] during his employment, had uncovered a contract, #49638M 1411, between the Air Force and North American Aviation, California. This contract

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- 1- (American Opinion Books Club)
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was in effect a conspiracy to establish World Government through disarmament, and has been turned over to four right wing Senators.

HARGIS stated the Chinese Communist leaders will commit suicide in 1965.

Approximately 400 people were present at the meeting. There were no incidents or arrests.



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"Off Duty Police Officers Demonstration Against Civilian Review Board"

City Hall Park -- June 29th 1965

The demonstration began promptly at 10:00 A.M. It was highly organized by P.B.A. members wearing arm-bands and with the full cooperation of uniformed police officers. The men marched in silence with placards calling for the rejection of the civilian review board. Some called for the cooperation of the people, asking them to support the police dept.

The numbers of demonstrators continued to increase and reached its peak of about 6000 about 11:30 A.M. There were a number of women in the line of march; some were the wives accompanied by their children. Some children carried placards.

The head of the P.B.A. John Cassese was interviewed by the TV stations on the scene. He answered the questions with lengthy statements denouncing those calling for the Civilian Review Board. When asked about minority groups who were calling for the Review Board, he said that these people can't be satisfied, and all they wanted was a review board with all Negro and Puerto Ricans on it. He cited the fact that the police in Harlem helped sick people and treated them fairly etc. etc.

In a very small area on the other side of the park CORE, THE COMMUNITY CHURCH of N.Y. C. and a few others marched between police barricades, heavily guarded by police. Their number, at its peak, never reached fifty people in line of march. Gilberto Valentin acted as the spokesman for the group and in a statement to the press said that it was a shame that the John Birch Society was allowed to use the police department to foster their ideas. Mr. Valentin also confirmed the fact that he was a candidate for Councilman at large in the coming election. He said that he had been designated and his campaign was located at 173 West 72 street.

There was no disturbance or hostility on this side of the park even though some of the police leaving their demonstration hurled uncomplimentary remarks at the group. Some on-lookers also indulged in the usual name calling.

Shortly after 11:00 A.M. bus loads of police from Newark, N.J. arrived and joined the line of march. They left shortly before 1:00 P.M.

There were a number of outburst in the police line of demonstrators. They abused some people who were distributing leaflets and indulged in name calling etc. They chanted remarks against James Farmer, calling him Farmer the Fink...

As we mingled with the crowds we could over-hear remarks about 'niggers' and 'rat-packs' and other slurs against minority groups. Some of the police officers soliciting signatures in support of their protest against the civilian review board were quite outspoken in regard to their attitude and feelings against Negroes and other minority groups. They used this in urging a number of people to sign their petitions. They talked openly in an uncomplimentary manner about Harlem and other areas where minority groups live.

Many of them carried signs supporting BUCKLEY for Mayor. Some left the line of march and took leaflets from the hands of some young men distributing them and threw them on the ground. This happened on the corner of Chambers Street & Broadway about 12:30

About 1:00 P.M. the rumor was circulated that the demonstration would end at about 2:00 P.M. even though it had been set to go until 3:00 P.M.

The JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY had a literature stand set up on the sidewalk and sold literature and solicited membership. I left the scene shortly after 1:00 P.M.

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This case was predicated upon information received from [redacted] on 2/15/65, to the effect that [redacted] [redacted] New York, contacted [redacted] of the CP National Office and requested information as to how he could join a local CP club. [redacted] told him she would send him literature and thereafter he should become active in peace or student groups and, if active enough, would be extended an invitation to join a CP club.

The indices of the NYO were reviewed on February 25, 1965, and contained no identifiable references regarding the subject.

No record for the subject could be located in the files of the NYCPD. No unfavorable information regarding [redacted] could be located in the files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York.

[redacted] Bronx, New York, advised SA [redacted] that the subject resides at that address with his [redacted] born [redacted] US, and two children—a boy age 5, and a girl age 3. She revealed that [redacted] was expecting another baby some time this year. [redacted] advised that the [redacted] were good tenants and appeared to be loyal Americans. She could furnish no unfavorable information concerning them.

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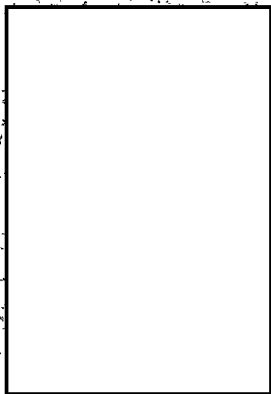
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A photographic surveillance was instituted in the vicinity of Tryon Avenue, Bronx, New York, and on April 28, 1965, a suitable picture of [redacted] was obtained. The following informants familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted and shown this photograph and all advised that they could furnish no information concerning him.

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[redacted] disclosed that the subject was employed as a teller by the Bowery Savings Bank, 210 East 42nd Street, New York, New York. Spot checks at the Bowery Savings Bank in May and June, 1965, verified this fact.

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On May 27, 1965, in connection with the case entitled "Black Nationalists Group; IS-MISC, NYfile 157-1258" serial 74, [redacted] was interviewed and he advised that he is an official in the Conservative Party in New York City and the John Birch Society, New York City. During the interview, [redacted] appeared somewhat fanatical in his rightwing beliefs, stating that he felt the United States Government was completely infiltrated by Communists and that the US foreign policy is being made by Communist oriented individuals. He could offer no specific information, however, in this regard. He also manifested a detective or spy type complex in stating that he personally placed "individuals" in the American for Democracy Action and other leftwing groups so he can keep up with their activities.

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Inasmuch as [redacted] request to join the CP appears to be prompted by his zeal on behalf of his rightwing ideals, no further investigation will be conducted in this matter.

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A lead to review the subject's Army personnel file at St. Louis is outstanding. This case will be placed in a Closed status when this information is received.

Six photos of [redacted] and one strip of 35 millimeter film is being placed in the 1A Section of the instant file. One copy of this memo is being placed in the John Birch Society file inasmuch as [redacted] has indicated that he is a member of that organization.

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The following is a description of [redacted] obtained from personal observation by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] on 4/28/65, and from the files of Selective Service Headquarters, NYC:

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| Name            | [redacted]                           |
| Sex             | Male                                 |
| Race            | White                                |
| Height          | 5' 10"                               |
| Weight          | 160 pounds                           |
| Hair            | [redacted]                           |
| Eyes            | Blue                                 |
| Complexion      | light                                |
| Characteristics | [redacted]                           |
| Birth data      | [redacted] New York,<br>New York     |
| Military Status | US Army, serial<br>number [redacted] |
| Address         | [redacted]<br>[redacted] New York    |
| Employment      | [redacted]                           |

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK  
Attn: Supv. [REDACTED] #43

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/26/65

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SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INTERNAL SECURITY -

On August 26, 1965, Det. [REDACTED] Kingston, NY  
Police Department advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Kingston, New York, self employed as TV  
Tower Service, had told him that he had information, unverified,  
that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] employed in a Wholesale Fruit  
and Vegetable Co., Poughkeepsie, NY, dba Germanon & Sons, are  
members of the Minutemen organization.

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[REDACTED] also told [REDACTED] that a meeting of the John Birch  
Society took place during the week ending Aug. 21, 1965 at  
the residence of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] New York. There  
were 14 people at this meeting, seven of which were males and  
seven females. [REDACTED] was one of those attending and  
faking part in the meeting. At the meeting, each was given  
a list of eleven prominent Ulster County, NY citizens to contact  
and invite to the next meeting which will also be at the

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[REDACTED] attended the meeting and joined  
the John Birch Society. Each member at the meeting was assessed



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\$5.00. John Birch literature was sold at ~~the~~ the meeting.

[redacted] New York (according to [redacted]  
a member of the Conservative Party, is not a member of the  
John Birch Society, has told members he cannot join due to  
his business activity, but has made substantial contributions  
to the John Birch Society.

The above being furnished for information.

If any investigation in this matter is conducted, [redacted]  
and [redacted] names should not be revealed. [redacted] states  
that [redacted] has furnished the above information in belief that  
[redacted] is in sympathy and will join the John Birch Society.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington,  
District of Columbia

Dear Sir:

Last Friday evening, September 17th, I joined the East Greenwich (R. I.) chapter of the John Birch Society.

There were twenty-eight people present during the three hour meeting at the home of Col. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] East Greenwich.

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[redacted] were identified as being chapter leaders of the Westerly, Narragansett, and East Greenwich chapters.

[redacted] the local coordinator conducted the meeting at which time we viewed a two hour film.

You may wish to know that I am working with [redacted] of [redacted] Boston, Mass., so that in a sense I am not going about this in an entirely amateurish way. It was his suggestion that I keep you informed of the workings of the John Birch Society in R. I.

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Today I have written to the American Nazi Party and donated one dollar for literature which I hope to receive from them. I also wrote to the Communist Party, U.S.A and asked about the role of the communists in the Civil Rights movement. (I did this of my own accord and not on the advice of [redacted])

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Please let me know if you would like any further information about the activities of the John Birch Society in R. I..

Yours very sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [Redacted]

Mr. Hoover received your letter of  
September 22nd and asked me to thank you for advis-  
ing him of your plans.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen W. Gandy*  
Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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# INSIDE REPORT: GOP Vs. Birch Society

By Rowland Evans and Robert Novak  
WASHINGTON.

With evidence piling up of systematic infiltration of the Republican party by the John Birch Society, Sen. Thruston B. Morton, of Kentucky, is now preparing a frontal attack on the society.

Morton's plan: To introduce a formal resolution at the top-drawer Republican Co-ordinating Committee meeting on Dec. 13 condemning the society and warning local Republican organizations to beware of infiltration efforts. A battle within the committee is all but certain.

The decision by Morton, a former Republican National Chairman with impeccable credentials, wasn't reached easily. His resolution will reopen old wounds inflicted on the party at the 1964 National Convention. Efforts by Republican moderates to condemn "extremism" were hooted down by the Goldwater delegates.

Much has happened since then to change the party's attitude, and the attitude of many responsible conservatives, toward the John Birch Society. Not even Goldwater himself is now immune to Birch Society criticism. The society's paranoiac view of a conspiratorial Communist plot throughout the country, in which leading Republicans are accused of being agents, is well known.

But what now prompts Sen. Morton to put his party on record against the society is a phenomenon far more dangerous than the false labels it has attached to the party's most famous sons. The phenomenon is

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two-fold: The society is growing faster today than ever before (it recently opened offices in Washington); and it has chosen the Republican party as its political instrument (as the Communists chose the Democratic party in the 1940s).

We reported in July the stealthy infiltration of the Republican Executive Committee in Harris County (Houston), Texas. The extent of the infiltration became known only after an entrenched, far-Right faction was ousted from the committee's leadership. Republican regulars have found sinister evidence of similar infiltration in the Los Angeles Republican Central Committee, in New Jersey, Maryland and many other areas.

The most serious result of this infiltration, whether at precinct, county or state level, is to scare away bona fide Republicans. As bad money drives out good, so Birch Society "Republicans" drive out genuine Republicans. If given enough time, this infiltration could revolutionize historic Republican positions in Birch-controlled party units.

Having decided the time to strike is now, Morton's first possible forum for a hard-hitting resolution is the December meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee, composed of 28 GOP leaders, including Gen. Eisenhower.

Morton is planning quiet talks with key Republicans soon, perhaps starting with Arizona's Dean Burch, hand-picked by Barry Goldwater after the 1964 convention to head the Republican National Committee. Morton will

also talk with Ray C. Bliss, Burch's successor. He hopes to pave the way for unanimous approval of the anti-Birch resolution. But regardless of any opposition that may develop, he will not back down.

This assures a showdown fight in the Co-ordinating Committee. Although Morton is likely to find an overwhelming majority on his side, a handful of the 28 members, including ailing South Carolina State Chairman Drake Edens (if he attends the meeting), will probably fight to avoid any censure of the Birch Society. Others may counsel delay, on grounds that to condemn the society could cost the Republican party conservative votes it cannot afford to lose.

But Morton has powerful allies, including five progressive Republican Governors—Nelson Rockefeller of New York, William Scranton of Pennsylvania, George Romney of Michigan, Colorado's John Love and Idaho's Robert Smiley. Also on the Co-ordinating Committee are all living Republican Presidential candidates and the Republican leaders of the House and Senate.

For Richard M. Nixon, the defeated 1960 candidate who is now the recognized leader of the Goldwater wing of the party, the decision will be particularly difficult.

No matter how much support it has, the Morton resolution can only be advisory. Only the National Convention can bind the party. But action now will alert the party to a danger that grows more oppressive every day.

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Art Buchwald

## New Doubts About John Birchers

WASHINGTON.

The John Birch Society has made one of the most unique offers ever proposed to a politician. They have told Ronald Reagan, the movie star, who wants to be Governor of California, that the Birch Society will either support Mr. Reagan or attack him, "whichever he thinks will do the most good."

Mr. Reagan said he was sorry that the offer was made public. No one knows if he was sorry because he hadn't made up his mind yet as to what he wanted the Birch Society to do or whether he was sorry that the Birch Society got into his political act.

In either case it gives the average person a great deal to think about. In the past most of the things the Birch Society have been against, the average American has been for, and most of the things the Birch Society has been for the majority of Americans have been against. Now there is great doubt whose side the Birchers are on.

For example, one of the Birchers' biggest bugaboos has been Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Earl Warren and the Society has been leading in the attack to impeach him.

There was nothing wrong with this, except how do we know that the members of the John Birch Society haven't made a secret deal with Justice Warren? They know that by attacking the Chief Justice the rest of the country will support him, and it has certainly been to Justice Warren's interest to have the Birchers on the other side.

The Reagan offer makes one wonder if the John Birch Society has not made a deal with President Johnson, President Eisenhower, Sec-

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retary McNamara, Dean Rusk, Sen. Kuchel and other people they have bitterly opposed as a means of secretly supporting them.

Some observers believe that the John Birch Society might in fact be a left wing organization hiding behind a right wing facade.

What could be a better strategy than to pretend you were right wing and, by attacking the left wing policies of the country, gain far more support for them?

The John Birch Society has been first and foremost in their attacks on communism and socialism at home and abroad. In the past no one has questioned its fervor in this area. But now that we know that the John Birchers are willing to attack someone they believe in, there is a question whether their attacks are sincere. Could it be possible that . . . no, it would be too horrible to imagine. But the Communists have done horrible things before.

And yet I for one can't believe it. Maybe I'm naive and a dupe, but on the basis of what I know and have read about the John Birch Society . . . and yet there is this Ronald Reagan offer. Could they be putting Reagan on?

The thing to do is not to make any judgments about the John Birch Society at this time.

We must watch their every move. If they continue to attack Justice Warren, President Eisenhower, fluoridation and the Democratic party, then I think we ought to turn the whole thing over to the House Un-American Activities Committee.

It would be interesting to know who is paying their bills.

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# Young Republicans in D.C. Oust Their Birchite Editor

Washington, Oct. 2—The editor of a newsletter published by the Washington Young Republicans has been ousted because he is a member of the John Birch Society.

The unpaid editor and his boss confirmed the move today. It came amid a barrage of GOP criticism aimed at the society.

The attack on Birchers began Wednesday when Sen. Morton (R-Ky.), charged the society is trying to infiltrate the GOP and said its influence should be driven from the party.

Mrs. Fran Westner of Greenbelt, Md., secretary of the District of Columbia Young Republicans, said she gave George H. Miller Jr. a letter Thursday night, telling him he was through as editor of the Newsletter.

## Never a Secret, He Says

"Because of your past and or present involvement with the John Birch Society," she wrote, "I feel the interests of the Republican Party and the District of Columbia Young Republicans are not being served to the best advantage."

Miller, 32, a part-time law student at Catholic University, confirmed in an interview that he is a member of the Birch Society. Miller said he joined in January 1962, and it has never been a secret.

"I've been a more or less nominal member of the society," he said.

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#### Nominal Memberships

Miller said he knew of no other Birch Society members in the Washington organization. "I've never tried to recruit people from the Young Republicans," he said, "although I felt that I could express my conservative views in the paper."

The paper is called "Rally." About 1,800 copies are printed monthly. The organization has 900 members.

Mrs. Westner said she was not satisfied with Miller's editing, and complained he had written editorials critical of some Republican viewpoints.

"There was criticism of other party members instead of the Democrats," she complained.



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about a [redacted]

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[redacted] located at [redacted]

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[redacted] Bronx  
10464<sup>th</sup> N.Y.

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Society, Bronx District,  
they are recruiters, they also  
receive large sums of money  
plus gifts, [redacted]

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is also employed at Big  
Burgher at Fordham Road  
Bronx, N.Y. I + my neighbors  
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would like you people to  
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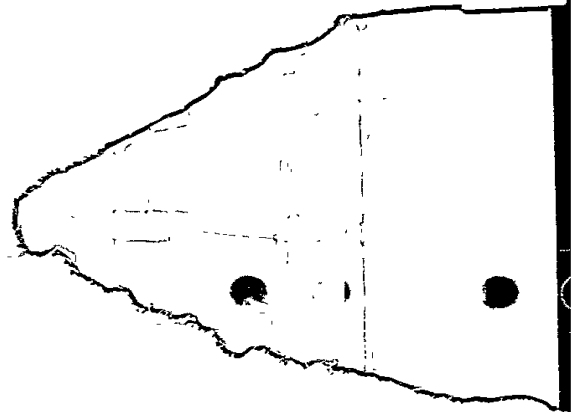
gifts & extra money made. From  
the Birch Society, they also  
receive money from the Republican  
Club they operate on 269 City  
Island Ave. Bx. N.Y. the reason  
for this letter is, they infiltrating  
our young children, & also the  
churches. please don't mention  
my name to any one, I thank  
you.

Sincerely

Civic Works Assn.



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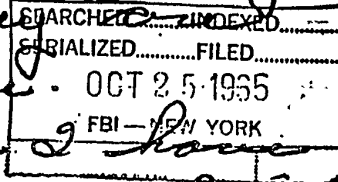
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Dear Mr. Hoover,

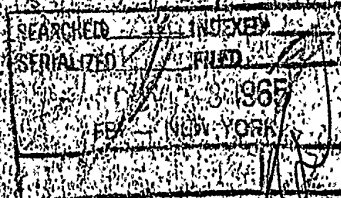
This letter is written in hopes that I might get some information in regards to the John Birch Society. Two members of our family are members of the Society and they say they are indorsed by you.



My husband and I have not attended any of their meetings and cannot seem to go along with a lot of their complaints. What we are trying to find out, Is it a good organization? Are they really helping their country? Is it really dedicated to fighting communist?

We would appreciate any information you

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could send me about  
their Society.

Thank you,

[Redacted]

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October 28, 1965

*2. Information*  
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 21st has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish you the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

You are assured that I have never made any statement which might be interpreted as expressing approval or disapproval of the John Birch Society, and I have not endorsed this organization.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

① - New York - Enclosure

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# THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

MEMBER ORGANIZATION

Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

New York Regional Office

Room 202

180 East Post Road  
White Plains, New York

October 26, 1965

*Founder*

ROBERT WELCH

*The Council*

N. E. ADAMSON, JR.  
THOMAS J. ANDERSON  
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FRANK CULLEN BROPHY  
JOHN T. BROWN  
LAURENCE E. BUNKER \*  
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REVILO P. OLIVER  
LOUIS RUTHENBURG  
J. NELSON SHEPHERD  
ROBERT W. STODDARD \*  
CHARLES B. STONE, III

\* *Executive Committee*

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

While in Washington last week, I read accounts of the current annual report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with keen interest.

Accordingly, I am very interested in securing two copies of the FBI Annual Report just released, and would appreciate your help in my being able to obtain them.

I continue to look upon the Bureau and its work with tremendous pride and admiration. Its efforts, under your direction, have so obviously been instrumental in preserving the security of the United States of America. God bless you and keep you strong.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Public Relations

TJD/mm

cc: [Redacted]

(signed by [Redacted] in [Redacted] absence)

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Public Relations  
The John Birch Society, Incorporated  
New York Regional Office  
Room 202  
180 East Post Road  
White Plains, New York

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 26th has been received, and I want to thank you for your generous comments concerning my administration of the FBI.

In response to your request, I am enclosing two copies of the FBI Annual Report.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

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December 6, 1965

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs;

I have recently accepted a job as area coordinator for the John Birch Society on the California Central Coast. In order to keep informed of the latest Communist party line I have taken a trial subscription to the "People's World".

I am writing this letter to inform you of my objectives in taking this periodical. I would also solicit any assistance or suggestions you might have that would help me remain current on the Communist conspiracy.

One item I feel would be useful is the 1966 budget request for the FBI. I understand that this is a no-cost item.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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December 15, 1965

*John Burk Slocum*

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 6th has been received, and you may be sure the information you furnished will be made a matter of record in our files.

As you requested, I am sending you a copy of my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on March 4, 1965. I am also enclosing a copy of my speech, "The Faith of Free Men," which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

*[Handwritten signature/initials]*

Enclosures (2)

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- ① - New York - Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW Y ORK

DATE: 12/17/65

FROM : SA JAMES E. GORDON

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED], Westchester County, at White Plains  
NY advised on 12/17/65 that he had been advised that a  
branch of the John Birch Society, under the name of

Committee For American Sovereignty had rented PO Box  
363, Scarsdale, N.Y.. The arrangements for rental were  
made through [REDACTED]

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Above is being filed for purposes of information and no  
action is recommended.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22382)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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DATE: 1/6/66

Attached is a copy of Summary of Information, dated December 30, 1965, entitled [REDACTED] which is self-explanatory. This Summary was made available by Major, [REDACTED]

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For information, no copy retained by Baltimore.

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December 22nd, 1965

Special Agent In Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:-

Within the past couple of months there has been received at my house, addressed to [redacted] Brooklyn, N.Y., some literature sent out by the John Birch Society. In discussing this with my wife she recalled that [redacted] was assigned a project of doing a composition paper on the Birch Society and sent away for information on it. *secret*

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The mail which we have now been receiving bears the return address of [redacted] New York. The mail received by my boy now contains invitations to go to meetings. This prompts me to send the material to you for whatever attention you deem appropriate.

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Needless to say the youngster is writing to [redacted] personally informing him that he is a child who merely inquired for purposes of writing his composition and does not want to receive any of their literature.

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*Dec 1964*  
Sincerely yours,

[redacted]  
Brooklyn, New York

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Magazine Management Company  
655 Madison Avenue  
New York 21, NY

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dob [redacted] Kings County  
deceased [redacted]

HAYES, JOHN

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aka [REDACTED]  
DJI # [REDACTED]  
FBI # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 5/60 87-18518 \*

Re: Unsub; Theft and forgery of payroll check  
payable to [REDACTED] in the amount of \$145.49

[REDACTED] 1/61 80-1022\*

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[REDACTED] 4/51 42-7915\*

ASN [REDACTED]  
AKA OF [REDACTED]  
POB: VIRGINIA  
NEGRO  
SOC SEC # [REDACTED]

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PR

201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York 10021  
February 8, 1966

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear [redacted]:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter  
of December 22, 1965 (postmarked February 4, 1966) and  
enclosures.

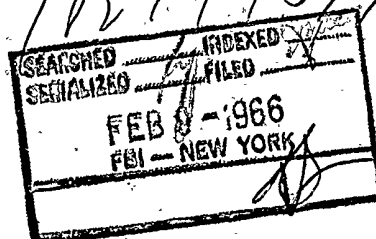
Your interest in furnishing this material to  
us is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

New York

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 2/28/66, PCI [redacted] advised that on or about 1/31/66, he was contacted by one [redacted] a member of the John Birch Society and asked if he would [redacted] and see him in reference to [redacted] of John Birch oil investments [redacted]

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Informant advised that after a two hour interview by [redacted] he was invited to become a member of the Birch Society. Informant said he was told to come back 2/13/66, at which time he would be introduced to members who would [redacted]

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Informant advised that he asked for a little time to consider joining the Society. Informant said about ten days later, [redacted] contacted him inquiring if he had decided upon becoming a member. Informant said he told [redacted] he had decided to join, but inquired if it was possible for him to join here in New York City and that would save him travelling to [redacted]

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Informant advised that [redacted] said that inasmuch as he was being placed in the Society's confidential unit, it would be necessary for him to come to Connecticut.

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Informant advised that he became suspicious when he was requested to learn all he could about firearms, rifles, shotguns and pistols. He was also told that if he could arrange to go to Quantico, Virginia, where the FBI train, the Society would pay his expenses. He was further requested to learn how to set and defuse time bombs.

Informant advised that he has made five trips to Newtown, Connecticut, but did not know [redacted] full name until Sunday, 2/27/66. It is [redacted] address - [redacted] telephone.

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Informant advised on 2/28/66, that the Birch Society is holding a meeting on 3/11/66, 8:00 p.m., at the Kliens Memorial Hall, Bridgeport, Connecticut. The speaker will be one LEONARD PATTERSON; topic (Tack and Chaos). Informant said this individual was in Russia from 1928 to 1938. Tickets for this meeting are \$2.50 each.

New York indices contain no identifiable information regarding [redacted] aka [redacted]

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In regard to LEONARD PATTERSON, NY file 100-50765 reflects that PATTERSON reportedly was sent to the Lenin School in Moscow in 1931. He is described as being 5'10"; Negro; DOB: 2/6/06, Goldsborough, Wayne County, North Carolina.

It is unknown whether this individual is identical with the PATTERSON referred to by informant.



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New York 20, N.Y.

residence:

New York 23, N.Y.

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40 yrs of age, married, 2 children  
formerly

[Redacted]

NYC.

R.C.A. Bldg.

Rockefeller Center, NYC.

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Alias of [redacted]  
ASN [redacted]

[redacted] 10/60 87-19080-5\*  
aka [redacted]

*white, dob [redacted] at  
Preston, Tenn.  
United States Air Force from 2/19/36  
to 1/10/57, Serial # [redacted]  
undesirable discharge*

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[redacted] 7/60 87-19334 \*  
AKA UNSUB

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[redacted] 11/54 87-4842\*  
ALIAS OF [redacted]

*dob [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan  
white, true name [redacted]*

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3/8/66

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re New York airtel to New Haven, dated 3/3/66,  
captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith are 3 tickets, #2276, 2277, 2285,  
which have been paid for by PCI [redacted] to attend  
the Connecticut Committee, TACT, affair allegedly connected  
with the John Birch Society, which is presenting LEONARD  
PATTERSON, on Friday, 3/11/66, at 8:30 p.m., at the  
Klein Memorial Auditorium, 910 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport,  
Connecticut.

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These tickets are being forwarded to New Haven  
in the event New Haven desires an agent or informant to  
attend this affair to ascertain the nature thereof and what  
transpires thereat.

In the event New Haven covers this affair or  
receives any information about it, it is requested that  
a copy of the information be disseminated to New York as a  
check on the informant, [redacted] who is to attend this  
affair.

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2-New York  
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*RJR*  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-0)  
(ATTN: SECTION 43)

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #251  
John Birch Society

SUBJECT: PCT INFORMATION ONLY  
[REDACTED]

DATE: 1/20/66

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Informant is a [REDACTED] and as such was contacted by a member of the John Birch Society to [REDACTED] of their oil investments in Africa.

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Informant advised that he accepted the offer and he went to Newtown, Connecticut, where he was introduced to members of the Society and invited to become a member. Informant advised that he thanked the members present for considering him eligible for membership, but asked for a little time to consider joining.

Informant advised about ten days later he was contacted by one [REDACTED] at Newtown, Connecticut, inquiring if he had decided upon becoming a member. Informant said he told [REDACTED] he had decided to join.

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Informant advised that he went again to Connecticut to join but before he went, he inquired from [REDACTED] if it was possible for him to join here in New York City, as he was of the opinion that the Society had members here and that would save him the forty or more miles of travelling. Informant advised that [REDACTED] said that inasmuch as he was being placed in the Society's confidential unit, it would be necessary for him to come to Connecticut.

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Informant advised that he went and joined. He further

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Informant advised that he became suspicious when he was requested to learn all he could about firearms, rifles, shotguns, and pistols. It was further requested of him to learn all he could about bombs especially on how to set and defuge time bombs.

Informant feels that something of an espionage nature is being planned, but he has not been able to pinpoint just what is in the plan inasmuch as he can never get a direct answer, but is always told that he will be advised as the operation builds.

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Committee on Security Witnesses*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

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100-105630-117 p. 3

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7/51 100-105630-1A1 p. 10

*Associate of [redacted]  
at the Lenin  
School in Moscow,  
Russia (1931-33)  
Race - Negro Spent 1  
yr. at Lenin School  
(1931-32)*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

100-59645-133 p. 3

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*Refused to be able to verify that  
[redacted] visited the  
School at Moscow in 1932**of New York  
add: 2060 3 Ave, NYC**refused to be interviewed re: [redacted]  
attendance at Lenin School  
in Moscow, unless he was compensated.*

Detroit rpt. 8-6-51

LT. 12/10/51

LT. 11/26/51 N.Y.

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PATTERSON, LEONARD

100-81752

s. 10, 108. Tele. 5-21-52. Re. abv. as witness.

s. 10, 103. Tele. 4-20-52. Re. abv. details set out.

10,061. Tele. 5-12-52. Re. abv.

s. 10, 093. Tele. 5-17-42. Details set out.

s. 9781. Tele. 3-31-52. Re. abv. con. testimony of  
abv. in connection with Loretta Starvus  
Stack.

s. 9801. Tele. 4-2-52. Re. abv.

s. 10291. Ltr. 6-24-52. pg. 2.

*In a position to furnish  
information re: attendance at  
the Lenin School in Moscow  
of any of the defendants. Dob  
2/6/06 Wayne County,  
N.C. Testified as a  
Gov't witness in  
numerous trials.  
Race - Negro. To testify  
in connection with  
Loretta Starvus Stack**All refs. except those marked with red X are I to  
100-50765\**

PATTERSON, LEONARD

100-57744-187

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8/50*made statement regarding [redacted] subject of file  
former member of the CP, who  
has appeared as a witness for the  
Gov't in Immigration cases.  
member Young Communist League 1928-35  
CP from 1930-37*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

100-74698-35

4-11-52

*To give testimony re:  
subject's attendance at  
Lenin School*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

100-68282-343

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*2060 Third Ave, Apt 12 E  
NYC*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

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100-97632- 58

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*Y.C.L. member in 1928  
attended Lenin School in  
Moscow from 1932 to 1933 Left C.P. in  
1937. Probationary witness in the  
trial of [redacted]*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

100-92438-248A

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9-30-52 (1-15-53)

*110-391 56th St.  
Jamaica, L. I.**no add'l info*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

rpt. 5-5-41 p. 542

100-7166-15

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Race - Negro. Organizer,  
Communist. Y.C.L. Organizer  
sent to Baltimore to organize  
young scumion. Spent time in Soviet Union. Lived  
with white woman. Confirmed police matter.*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

100-21431

*[redacted] was instrumental  
in [redacted] above  
sent to Moscow for higher  
training from 9/31-10/52**s. 141 p. 12 rpt. 11-8-51*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

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100-23907-525

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*110-30 156th St.,  
Jamaica, L.I., N.Y.**emp. Crystal Cab Co.  
was in the CP from 1930-37  
& was a CP & Young Communist  
League functionary*

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See card captioned as above filed CAUTION BOX,  
maintained by Section 8.

PATTERSON, LEONARD

97-169-1A48 p. 15

memo 8/14/44

*Photo of index of photos  
in the Daily Worker*

*Photo appears in  
4/13/33 issue on  
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*On microfilm*

Photo appears in Daily Worker for 4/13/33 p 1

PATTERSON, LEONARD

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*Described as a professional  
anti-Communist witness  
former Communist. Witness*

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PATTERSON, LEONARD

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105-3244-71

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*charges of sedition.  
Consultant for INS, NYC.  
Former C.P. member*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

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147-659

*\*Comp. as tape driver. Govt.  
consultant on Communism  
Masters. Stricken with heart attack  
in 1953. Dpt 2/6/56, N.C.*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

100-47211-826

*race negro*

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*p.2 father [redacted] was most friendly  
901, with above when traveling to Moscow  
p3 in 1931 to attend the U.S.*

*U 100-47211-809  
SEPT. 7, 1951*

*sailed on the SS Hagia Sophia & returned  
to New York in 1935  
-901, 5, above was thoroughly inter-  
viewed concerning the Lenin School*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

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100-81752-Sub24-336A

110-39 156th St., Jamaica, Long Island, NY  
Potential Witness

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*transcript of the testimony of  
Leonard Patterson in the case  
of Common wealth of Pennsylvania  
vs. Steve Nelson.*

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-Sub 23-656A

-Sub. 23-712

*services utilized  
by INS. Part-time  
paid consultant of  
INS. C.P. member  
from 1928 to 1931*

*no add'l info*

4/47 100-14581-915 p16

*negro Communist from  
nyc. Attended Lenin  
School at same time as*

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100-119442-7

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*C.P. member from 1930  
to 1937. Y.C.L. member  
1928-1935*

Former INS Consultant

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100-16659-96

*Source who supplied  
information concerning  
matters pertaining to Ashin  
School*

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PATTERSON, LEONARD

100-105630-15

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aka: Cotton Terry

*n.Y. file 100-50705*

*Not 2/6/66, St. John County,  
N.C. Res. 110-39 156th  
St., Jamaica, L.I., N.Y.  
Rec - negro. Attended  
Lenin School using  
name of Cotton Terry.*

66-6227-2 p.9

lt. 4-19-51

*negro member of Y.C.L. at Phila.  
Paid by C.P. & also worked as a  
sterilizer*

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66-5143-75

*Before without any leads to  
contact [redacted]*

*Bureau authority must  
be obtained*

*Source of Information  
Y.C.L. member & C.P.  
1928-37*

PATTERSON, LEONARD

105-1429-17

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*from nyc.*

*In Russia during  
the same period as  
the subject, [redacted]*

Washington, D.C. Rpt. 8-21-51

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s. 10125 Tele. 5/22/52. Re. abv.  
s. 10,146A Letter 5/27/52. Re. abv.

p. 9774B Tele. 3/28/52 Re. abv. & testimony

S. 9902. Tele. 4-21-52. Re. abv. witness.  
Details set out.

S. 9925. Tele. 4-22-52. Re. abv.

Sub. 24-903A -4/56

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*Government witness*  
*Photo appears in 4/11/31*  
*issue of "Afro American"*  
*Testified in the case*  
*of the Commonwealth*  
*of Pennsylvania vs.*

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*Granted*  
*"restricted clearance"*  
*for use as Govt. witness.*  
*Ex-Communist*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC

New York

DATE: 3/14/66

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

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| Titles and File #s on which contacted  |        |           |
|  |        | 25-93580  |
|  |        | 25-112550 |
|  |        | 25-109864 |
| Purpose and results of contact   |        |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE<br><input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE   |        |           |
| On 2/28/66, Informant advised that he was contacted by [redacted] AKA [redacted] concerning a meeting by the John Birch Society to be held on 3/11/66 at Bridgeport Connecticut. Speaker of the evening one Leonard Patterson possible ident with NY file 100-50765. Informant advised that he would attend this meeting to see what connection his [redacted] would have with Patterson's speech on task and chaos. |        |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.   | Rating | Coverage  |
|  | Good   | Brooklyn  |
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# THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

New York Regional Office

Room 202

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White Plains, New York

March 4, 1966

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Once again, it is my pleasure to write you conveying my total and complete support for the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, particularly as carried out under your competent leadership and direction.

It is known to responsible people throughout this country, that you have served in your present position under bi-partisan leadership and under administrations which have come forth from both of our major political parties, and that you have done so without regard to the politics of the particular administration under whom you have served. Once again, let me compliment you for having maintained your position as one of the most outspoken enemies of the Communist Party of the United States of America and the international Communist conspiracy.

In my work on behalf of The John Birch Society, I am continually placed in the position, by some rather strange individuals, of having to defend not only the Bureau but yourself individually, and I am happy and proud to continue to do so. My most recent encounter with one of your enemies, was a [redacted] a

[redacted] has appeared over WTTM in Trenton, New Jersey. His attitudes toward various investigative committees of Congress, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and yourself as an individual are, in my opinion, reprehensible. It is my understanding that numerous individuals have written you already, regarding [redacted] and his activities and comments over the air.

It would be very helpful to me to receive the monthly FBI Report and I would appreciate very much learning from you any manner in which I may receive this report on a regular basis.

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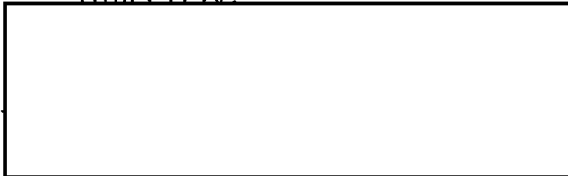
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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March 4, 1966

Once again, my congratulations to you and the Bureau for standing in the forefront in the defense of our Republic.

Sincerely,



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March 10, 1966

[Redacted]  
[Redacted] 10601

Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of March 4th and want to thank you for the confidence you have expressed in my administration of the FBI.

Your interest in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin is indeed appreciated and, in response to your request, I am enclosing a copy of the March issue of this Bulletin. I regret, however, that the great demand for our Bulletin has necessitated our adopting a policy of restricting its distribution. Therefore, we are not in a position to send it to you on a continuing basis.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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To register any Marching Group Participation, complete and return enclosed card or write:

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# Brooklyn Council-Kings County

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

ROOM 9, BOROUGH HALL  
BROOKLYN, N. Y. - 11201  
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THOMAS F. DINAN  
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STANLEY ZIELINSKI  
County Commander

April 1, 1966

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
201 East 69th Street,  
New York, N. Y. 10021

Attention: Director John F. Malone

Gentlemen:

The Brooklyn Chapters of The John Birch Society have made application to take part in our Annual Loyalty Day Parade; to be held in Brooklyn, New York on Saturday -- April 30.

The application is signed by [redacted]  
[redacted] Brooklyn, N. Y. 11230 - Phone: [redacted]  
They also specify that "1 - Float" would accompany their marchers (about 150.)

We are somewhat stumped in the direction of a decision as to whether we should allow them to take part. At the same time, we realize fully that this is a "free Country." Then, too, they might not riot, but spectators may start something.

Do you have any suggestion, or suggestions, that might assist us?

With all best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*Arthur Busicchia*

2081 East 4th Street  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11223  
ES 6-9081

ARTHUR BUSICCHIA  
Senior Vice Commander  
General Chairman

*ade 4/5/66  
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*(Handwritten signature/initials)*

201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York 10021  
April 5, 1966

Mr. Arthur Busicchia  
2081 East 4th Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11223

Dear Mr. Busicchia:

This is to acknowledge your letter of April 1, 1966 concerning the matter of allowing members of the John Birch Society to participate in the Loyalty Day Parade in Brooklyn.

While it was very good of you to write as you did, I am unable to be of any assistance in this matter.

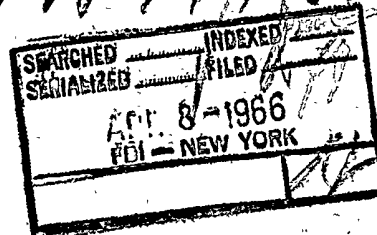
I am sure you will understand my position.

Sincerely,

JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

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JFM:KGD



*Ref 4/14*

SAC, NEW HAVEN

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4/14/66

SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re New York airtel to New Haven, dated 3/8/66.

On 3/11/66, a meeting of the John Birch Society was allegedly held at Klein's Memorial Auditorium, 910 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, presenting LEONARD PATTERSON, allegedly Communist trained, as principal speaker.

New Haven was requested, if desired, to have an agent or informant attend this meeting in order that New York can ascertain the reliability of the informant. Information from New Haven negative to date.

On 4/7/66, informant attended a closed meeting of the John Birch Society at Newton, Connecticut, and 75 of the weapons shown in the photograph enclosed were sold to members of the Society for \$15.00 per weapon.

It is suggested that New Haven check with the Police Department at Newtown, Connecticut, to ascertain if this weapon, a combination of brass knucks and knife 11 1/2" in length, is legal in the State of Connecticut and if its manufacture and sale of same is known to the police.

Also interested to know whether this is actually a group from the John Birch Society or possibly some other militant organization.

It should be noted that the PCI who furnished this information has not been evaluated as to reliability. Consequently, the truth or falsity of the information which he has furnished will determine whether continued contacts with him should be made.

2-New Haven (Encls. 2) (RM)

2-New York

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JTY:pam  
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New Haven is requested to check informants and local police for information regarding this matter and advise New York under both New York files.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK

DATE: 4/21/66

FROM : IC [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: TH JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

[REDACTED] Bklyn.,  
telephonically contacted the NYO this date and advised  
that he was joining the above mentioned Society.  
[REDACTED] explained that he was formerly interviewed by  
FBI agents and they (FBI) had asked [REDACTED] if he  
belonged to any organization such as the above mentioned  
Society or if he has any desire to join one, to contact  
the FBI.  
[REDACTED] advised that he now desire s to join the  
John Birch Sieue Society and is now advising this office.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-2114)

FROM : SA LLOYD S. GOODROW

SUBJECT:

DATE: 4-27-66

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past made available to SA LLOYD S. GOODROW the information enumerated below on 3-15-66. The original information is located in [redacted]:

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"Bridgeport, Connecticut  
March 15, 1966

"On March 11, 1966, LEONARD PATTERSON spoke at the Klein Memorial Auditorium, 910 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, on the topic 'My Moscow Training in 'Civil Riots' '. PATTERSON was sponsored by Connecticut Committee for TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil). This organization is an arm of the John Birch Society.

"PATTERSON commented that he was active in the support of the Communist Party during the 1920s and 1930s. PATTERSON was a student at Moscow's Lenin Institute sometime during his affiliation with the Communist Party.

"PATTERSON charged that red influences have eaten into the heart of the present civil rights movement. He said that if it were not for the red element in the movement the movement would have scored many more successes than it has to date. He predicted that the communists would be driven from the civil rights picture sometime in the future and that unity and cooperation would return between the white man and the black man.

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1 - [redacted]  
1 - NEW YORK (100-144597)  
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"According to PATTERSON, communist educators as far back as 1927 were teaching that Negro churches were the chief targets of communist efforts in the civil rights field. The Communist Party adopted this course of action on the basis that in most Negro communities the church was the hub of a social activity.

"According to PATTERSON some communist agents even went to the trouble of being ordained ministers in order to take advantage of the churches.

"To stress the importance of the church in the communist plan PATTERSON described how he was instrumental in setting up a communist cell in 1933 in Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church where representative ADAM CLAYTON POWELL is Pastor.

"PATTERSON commented that red infiltration of churches is as aggressive today as it was at the time he was in the Communist Party. He charged that there are communist influences in the group led by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

"PATTERSON was identified with the Communist Party from 1928 to 1936. He left the Communist Party in 1936 when he was reprimanded for having a group of long shoremen he led at Philadelphia return to work despite the fact that he had secured for his followers everything they demanded in the way of higher wages and additional work.

"At this time it became apparent to PATTERSON that the Communist Party was not interested in bettering conditions for the people. The Communist Party is interested solely in furthering its lust for power.

"PATTERSON dropped out of sight for almost ten years after he left the Communist Party. He stated he took a vacation to see what it was like to live once again as a human being.

"In the late 1940s PATTERSON launched a crusade against the Communist Party. At this time he helped the FBI to expose the red element."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-2114) P.

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 4-27-66

Re New York letter to New Haven 4-14-66 and New York airtel to New Haven 3-8-66.

There is attached one copy of the report of [redacted] concerning a meeting which he attended on March 11, 1966 at which LEONARD PATTERSON spoke. This meeting was held at Klein Memorial Auditorium, 910 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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NEW YORK is requested to carefully interview PCI [redacted] concerning the specific location where he attended the John Birch Society meetings in Newtown, Connecticut. If the informant cannot furnish a specific address in Newtown, Conn., sufficient descriptive data to identify the meeting place should be secured.

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC *New York* [redacted]DATE: *4/25/66*

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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## Dates of Contact

*3/30 — 4/18/23/66*

## Titles and File No. on which contacted

[redacted]

*25-101256*

[redacted]

*25-109864*

[redacted]

*25-110942*b6  
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## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE

*Informant is Continuing his efforts to Ascertain information Concerning the purpose of the John Birch Society's sale of a weapon which is described as a Combination of brass Knucks and Knife. This weapon has been photographed in the NYO and the picture Contained in file 100-144597. Informant will attend a Birch meeting on 4/22 and another 4/30/66.*

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

*Good*

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*Brooklyn  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NEW YORK

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
201 EAST 69 STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

GENTLEMEN:

100-144597\*

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I WOULD APPRECIATE VERY MUCH RECEIVING  
FROM YOU THE BUREAU'S POSITION CONCERNING  
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AND THE CAUSE  
THEY PROFESS TO BE ADVANCING.

YOURS TRULY;

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[redacted] New York 12518

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter received  
in this Bureau on May 4, 1966.

Since the files and records of the FBI are  
confidential in nature, I am unable to supply the infor-  
mation you desire.

This should not be construed to infer that  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation either does or does  
not have the information you request.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

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# Birch Ties Held Illegal for Cops

By PAUL HOFFMAN

Post Staff Correspondent

Albany, May 9—Policemen who join the John Birch Society violate state law, two joint legislative committees ruled today.

But the committees said it would be "manifestly unfair" to proceed against such officers at this time because Birch membership has been tolerated by many police chiefs.

They recommended that the chiefs issue regulations forbidding membership in the extremist right-wing organization, thus giving the officers involved time to quit either the force or the John Birch Society.

The report was issued by the Joint Legislative Committees on Election and Corporation Laws, headed by Sen. Brownstein and Assemblyman Podell, both Brooklyn Democrats.

## 'Guidelines' Were Asked

The committees held joint hearings in New York City in March after newly-appointed Police Commissioner Leary asked for "guidelines" regarding Birch membership by policemen.

State law says that any policeman who "joins or becomes a member of any political club, association, society or committee ... is guilty of a misdemeanor."

The Birch Society claims it is a non-profit educational organization. Brownstein and Podell sought to determine if it is a political organization, under the meaning of the law. They ruled it was, basing their finding on testimony of Birch Society officers and statements from the organization's publications.

## 'Impairs Efficiency'

They said "the Birch Society studiously denies that it is a political organization in order to avoid compliance with various laws of this state governing the organization of political parties and laws requiring reporting of political receipts and expenditures."

Brownstein and Podell said

that "membership by a police officer in the Birch Society impairs his efficiency as a police officer."

They quoted several exhortations to violence in Birch Society publications and said:

"The notion that a police officer, sworn to maintain law and order, can, consistent with those responsibilities, participate in the distribution of literature which are incitements to riot, which advocate a policy of violence and lynch law, is offensive to common sense and logic."

"We are convinced that responsibility for law enforcement cannot be reconciled with promotion of lynch law, and that a policeman who promotes the latter is in the very nature of things engaged in an activity which undermines the peace and security of our people," they said.

The committees also said they have been unable to determine how many policemen are members of the right-wing organization.

"According to the representatives of the Birch Society, there are no society chapters whose membership is limited exclusively to police officers," the report said. "A witness for the society testified that approximately 500 members of the New York City police force were members of the Birch Society. We suspect this to be a grossly exaggerated estimate, as we believe exaggerated testimony that the Birch Society has 5,000 members in the state of New York," Brownstein and Podell said.

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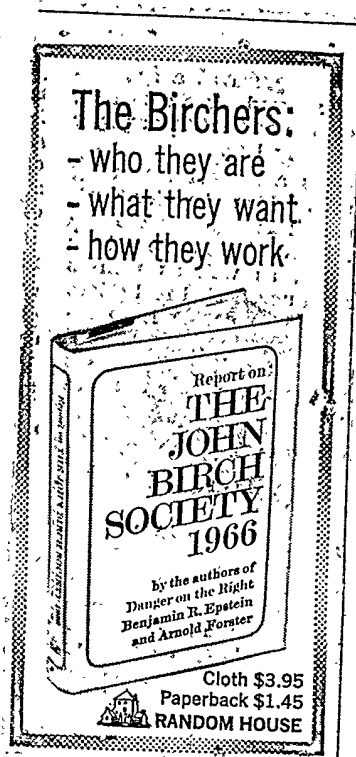
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**BIRCH SOCIETY PLANS  
NO CUTS IN CAMPAIGN**

BELMONT, Mass., May 9 (UPI).—The John Birch Society, which has been losing money and lagging in recruitment of new members, plans no cutback in its campaign to extend its influence, it was disclosed today.

Robert H. W. Welch Jr., founder and president of the society, announced in his May bulletin that the society had fallen \$1-million behind its goal for 1965 and acknowledged that the membership "did not catch up to the projected level to match and support the expanded field staff."

He said, however, that the society's national council had "firmly decided against cutting back at all."

Mr. Welch said the society's operating overhead was running considerably ahead of its income but that its monthly magazine and weekly paper were "steadily gaining in circulation and influence."

"What we need right now is a

contribution of at least \$1,000 from every person receiving this message," he declared.

Mr. Welch also said the society and its members spent a total of \$5-million in 1965 while taking in \$4,089,000. Contributions in 1964 totaled \$3.2-million.

He said members had spent approximately \$1-million on their own in 1965 for newspaper advertisements and other activities.

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## Welch Says Birch Society Is in the Red

Belmont, Mass., May 10 (AP) —Robert Welch, leader of the John Birch Society says it is still operating with a deficit and that membership has not grown to anticipated levels.

Welch, who lives here, said in his May bulletin to members that the society fell \$1,000,000 short of its fund-raising goal in 1965.

Membership "did not catch up to the projected level to match and support the expanded field staff," he said.

The society does not reveal its membership figures.

Welch said the society and its members spent about \$5,000,000 last year. He said total income was \$4,089,000 in 1965 compared to \$3,200,000 in 1964.

Welch, the society's founder, said that despite the deficit the John Birch national council "has firmly decided against cutting back at all."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 3/18/66

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SA [REDACTED] (#42)

SUBJECT:

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105-00-253A  
beg [REDACTED]  
100-0-133672

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JOHN BIRCH  
180 EAST POST RD RM202  
WHITE PLAINS NY W

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On 3/15/66, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the current mailing list of the Midweek Edition of "The Worker". "The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

The name and address of the individual shown above were on this list.

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# Halt of School Grant Sought In Freeport Bircher Dispute

By HERB GOLDSTEIN and BARRY CUNNINGHAM

New fuel has been added to a fiery dispute over alleged John Birch Society "manipulation" in a school issue in Freeport, L. I.

The dispute began when a \$1,000,000 federally-financed teaching machine project for kindergarten children and illiterate adults was grabbed up by New York City after Freeport's school board turned it down.

Rep. Herbert Tenzer, Democrat of Lawrence, L. I., said yesterday he had asked the Office of Economic Opportunity to withhold approval of the grant until an investigation establishes the circumstances surrounding Freeport's rejection of "the largest grant ever made by a government agency to single school district."

"I have information from the staff of the Office of Economic Opportunity and from several of my constituents that the John Birch Society did oppose approval of the project," Tenzer said.

"As a result of this informa-

tion, I am investigating the entire matter to find out what motivations were involved in Freeport's losing this project."

The federal grant to install 20 of the computerized teaching machines — "talking typewriters" was accepted by the town's school board and then rejected by a newly elected board which takes office July 1.

Scoring Tenzer's allegation of John Birch influence, two of the board's incoming trustees accused the Congressman of "character assassination in the old McCarthy style of innuendo."

"We are not and never have been directly or indirectly associated in any manner, shape or form with the Birch Society," said Dr. Irving Fishman and Joseph McAndrews in a telegram demanding retraction by Tenzer.

Fishman said the Congressman's inquiry into possible Birch meddling with the OEO contract was "an attempt to strike fear into the hearts of people who oppose the project, and try to get them to change their votes."

Tenzer replied in a wire to Fishman and McAndrews: "Allegations require investigation, and this I intend to do. I have requested OEO to furnish me with photostats of all communications for and against the talking typewriter project."

Tenzer had previously revealed that a flood of telegrams opposing the project had been sent to OEO headquarters in Washington. They had all come, he said, "from a well-known John Birch bookstore" in Freeport.

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SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-2114)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re New Haven airtel to New York, dated 4/27/66.

On 5/20/66, Informant [redacted] advised that all meetings that he has attended were held at the home of [redacted] he was not positive which way the last name was spelled. The address was [redacted]

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Informant further advised that no more than twelve ever appeared at any meeting he attended, but from four to six new faces would be observed at each meeting. Informant did not know if this was a rule set by the Society or if it was coincidental that it has happened that way.

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The following information was obtained from records at Queens College, Queens, NY, by IC [REDACTED] on 5/2/66, from [REDACTED]

Name  
Residence

DOB

POB

Education

Father

Mother

Admitted Queens College, 9/62

Should graduate with a BA in June, 1966.

[REDACTED]  
NYC

Attended Andrew Jackson  
High School  
9/59 - 6/62

[REDACTED]  
RUTH, housewife

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Consideration had been given to contact [REDACTED] as a PSI, however, review of indices, NYO, reflects that [REDACTED] NYO, and is a member of Birch Society Chapter at Queens College. His father informed NYO of his son's membership with John Birch Society, and all his efforts to dissuade him from such activity and membership. [REDACTED] allegedly would not take the counsel of his father.

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It was believed that contact with [redacted]  
[redacted] as a PSI might be utilized by him to the advantage  
of the John Birch Society and might possibly  
result in embarrassment to the Bureau. Accordingly,  
no further consideration was given to contact him.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
June 16, 1966

[redacted]  
Threat to Bomb  
John Birch Society  
White Plains, New York  
June 15, 1966

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[redacted] White Plains, New York, Police Department, advised on June 15, 1966, that at 11:37 a.m. on that date the White Plains Police Department was called by [redacted] of the John Birch Society, 180 East Post Road, White Plains, New York. [redacted] advised that he had received a threatening phone call from an unidentified person in which the caller threatened to blow up the John Birch Society and said a bomb was going to explode any minute on their premises. The caller went on to say that he was a young Communist and that the John Birch Society were a bunch of dirty Fascists. A second telephone call from the same person was received while the White Plains Police Department was at the scene.

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The call was traced to the home of [redacted] New York, a neighboring community. At [redacted] White Plains Police Department found [redacted] of [redacted] was home alone and readily admitted making the call. He said that he had learned about the Communist Party (CP) from reading books and from his parents. [redacted] the Double-Glo Paper Company in Stamford, Connecticut. His [redacted] works for and at the Community Action Party, Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York.

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On August 5, 1952, a confidential source, with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine reliability, advised that he joined the American Youth for Democracy during approximately 1947 and the CP in May, 1947, and was assigned to a CP group in the Cornell University campus. He described [redacted] and [redacted] as "fellow travelers" who to his knowledge never joined the CP.

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The American Youth for Democracy and the CP are organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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No arrest was made by the White Plains Police Department at that time, but [redacted] were contacted and instructed to appear with [redacted] at the White Plains Police Department at 2:00 p.m., June 16, 1966. Detective [redacted] advised that [redacted]

On June 16, 1966, [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] appeared at the White Plains Police Department without an attorney. The [redacted] said he was sorry that [redacted] had made this call and that he would not do it again. The boy, [redacted] of the New York State Penal law and will be called to appear before Family Court at a later date.

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[redacted] of the John Birch Society, resides in Stamford, Connecticut.

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The above information was disseminated to [redacted] 108th CIC Detachment, United States Army, White Plains Field Office, on June 15, 1966.



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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT:

THREAT TO LIFE  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,  
WHITE PLAINS, NY, 6/15/66  
BOMBING MATTERS - THREAT

ReNYtel 6/15/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 7 copies  
of an LHM captioned as above. One copy is being furnished  
to New Haven in view of the fact that [redacted]  
[redacted] of the John Birch Society resides in [redacted]  
[redacted] and that [redacted] of [redacted]  
is employed as [redacted] at the Double-Glo Paper  
Co., Stamford, Connecticut.

The [redacted] mentioned in LHM is  
[redacted]

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-10419)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-5155)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 7/5/66, [REDACTED] (Brooklyn-Queens, NY) of the John Birch Society appeared at the NYC to volunteer the following information regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] source of the NYO, recently married [REDACTED] daughter of [REDACTED] Richmond Hill, NY (telephone [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] further advised that 5 members of the wedding party (identities not known to him, but not including the bride and groom) toured the US and were hosted by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said he learned through [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] made pro-American remarks, to wit "For 10 years I've been in the United States, I can't understand why people who enjoy so much are so anxious to throw it away." [REDACTED] was unable to provide any further details or the background of the conversation leading up to those remarks. He said he felt this Bureau should be made aware of such comments. He volunteered to say he would make available any additional pertinent information he may obtain.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] is publicly known as a member of the John Birch Society and is well known supporter of BARRY GOLDWATER. He said that GOLDWATER was to have been [redacted] best man, but some unforeseen circumstances prevented it.

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[redacted] said also that [redacted] is a Section Leader of the John Birch Society.

[redacted] who resides at [redacted] [redacted] telephone number Liberty [redacted] [redacted] is now a US citizen and works full-time for the John Birch Society. [redacted]

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The interview was confined to information set forth above with no discussion regarding the John Birch Society as such. [redacted] was complimentary to the Bureau and the Director, HOOVER. He indicated that he hoped some day to tour FBI headquarters, Washington, DC.

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The above is submitted for your information. A copy is being sent to Newark Office inasmuch as [redacted] resides within their territory.

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SAC (105-5155)

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SA [REDACTED] (#342)

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ReNYlet to Bureau 7/5/66.

On 7/27/66, [REDACTED] of the John Birch Society, telephonically contacted the NYO and asked to speak with SA [REDACTED]. On the same date the writer returned [REDACTED] call at which time [REDACTED] advised that he is planning a tour of the UN Secretariat and will have in his party about six people including a Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

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He said that he wanted to offer the NYO an opportunity to send an agent along in the party in the event [REDACTED] again made comments that were unfavorable to the US. He said that he was holding a place open in the event we desired to utilize this means of observing [REDACTED] was advised that we could not accept his offer and the writer expressed the office appreciation for his consideration in this matter.

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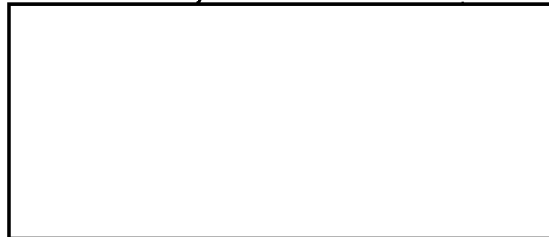
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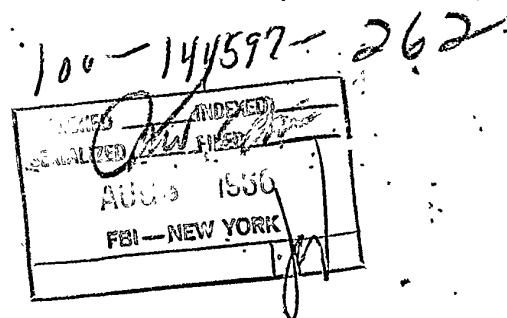
I am a member of the John Birch Society in Rocky Mount N.C. I won't waste your time telling you about the society. The reason I am writing is that I would like to be able to subscribe to the communist publication "The Worker" which is published in New York. I believe that reading one of their publications will make me a better informed anti-communist. I am not familiar with the duties or functions of the Post Office when such literature is detected in the mails and I wish to avoid any visits by the Postal Inspectors or the FBI if at all possible.

If ever I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate.

Sincerely,



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*cf*

August 5, 1966

[Redacted]  
[Redacted] 27201 [Redacted]

*See Wallace, Michael  
+ cf NY by [unclear]*

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Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter on August 3rd and  
I can assure you it will be made a matter of record in  
our files.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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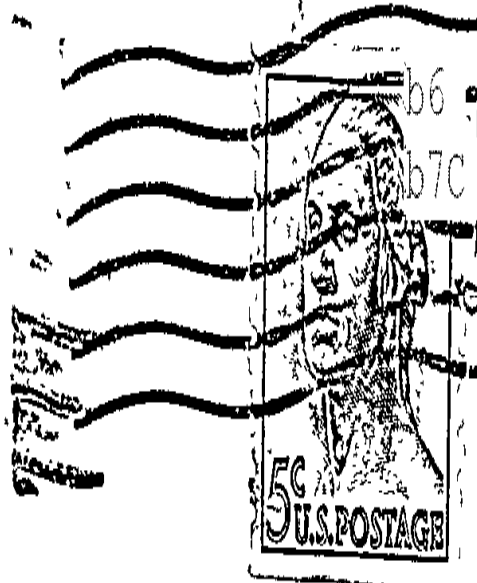
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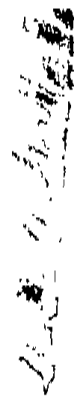
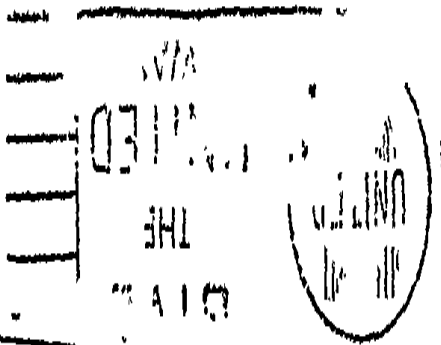
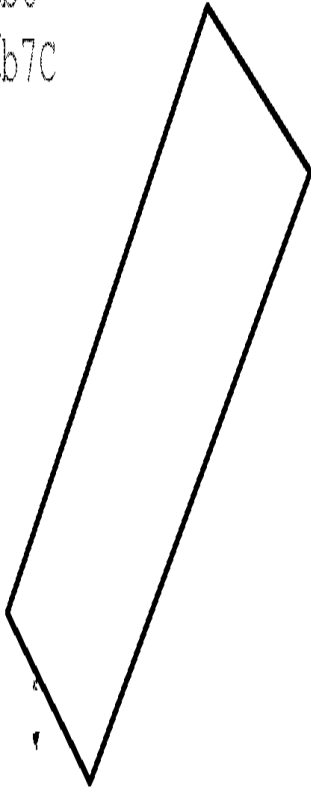
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1505 Helms Pl.  
Garden City  
Dear Sirs;

RE

C.F. and  
LIST REFS.

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I am considering  
membership in the John Birch  
Society and I would appreciate  
finding out what your bureau's  
opinion of this is.

I sincerely hope your  
help me

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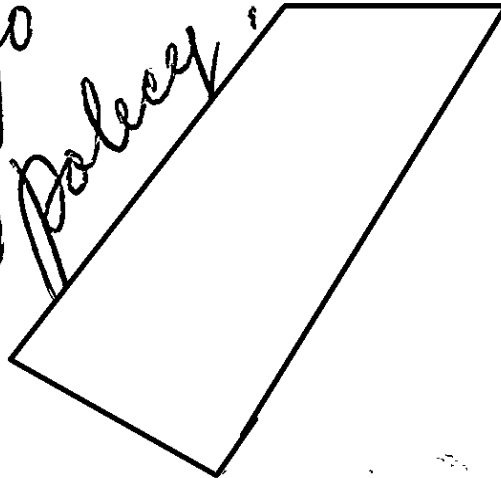
Yours truly

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-2114)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

ReNYairtel to New Haven, dated 4/14/66.

On 4/14/66, NY requested New Haven to furnish information to evaluate the reliability of truth or falsity of information furnished by informant [redacted] to the NYO.

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It is again requested that New Haven reply at the earliest date possible in order that NY may determine if subject is qualified for conversion purposes.

INFORMANT

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

FROM : *OK* SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-2114) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: August 25, 1966

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Re New Haven letter to New York 4/27/66, New York airtel to New Haven 8/12/66, New Haven letter to St. Louis 6/28/66 and New York letter to New Haven 4/14/66. *answ*  
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On June 15, 1966, Sergeant [redacted] Connecticut State Police, Newtown, Connecticut, [redacted] the Newtown Police Department advised that it is a violation of Connecticut State Law for an individual to have in his possession the type of weapon which appears in the photographs submitted as an enclosure with New York letter to New Haven dated April 14, 1966.

Sergeant [redacted] is casually acquainted with [redacted] of [redacted] Connecticut. He knows [redacted] is a [redacted] primarily for police work. b6  
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Sergeant [redacted] has frequently observed police cars from various Connecticut Police Departments in [redacted] yard and police officers [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] has heard no derogatory comments concerning [redacted]. [redacted] has no arrest record at Newtown, Connecticut. b6  
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On June 15, 1966, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Danbury, Danbury, Connecticut, advised that [redacted] (wife [redacted] Connecticut, is [redacted] from his home. [redacted] b6  
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[redacted]  
[redacted] Connecticut.

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[redacted] is approximately 35 years of age, married and has four dependents. He was previously employed by [redacted] Bridgeport, Connecticut.

[redacted] attended [redacted] He received his Bachelors Degree from the [redacted]

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[redacted] served in the United States Navy but his dates of service were not listed in credit bureau records.

Credit Bureau of Danbury, Connecticut, covers Newtown, Connecticut.

The records of the Town Clerk's Office, Newtown, Connecticut, reflect that [redacted] was born [redacted] at [redacted] Connecticut.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 15, 1966, that he has known [redacted] for many years. He said that he has never known [redacted] to be a violent man and that in many discussions he has had with [redacted] has always told him that he was completely against violence, and would avoid a fist-fight with anyone when this was possible.

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[redacted] has recently been into [redacted] home and the weapon which appeared in the photographs submitted by New York in its letter to New Haven dated April 14, 1966, was observed by [redacted]. [redacted] told [redacted] that he had purchased this weapon as a result of seeing it advertised in "Shotgun News".

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At the present time [redacted] plans on going to [redacted] possibly [redacted], to handle [redacted]

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It is [ ] opinion that arrangements for handling [ ] were made through [ ] New York.

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The weapon in question was a weapon which [ ] believes [ ] secured as part of a weapon system to be used for defense purposes only in Africa.

[ ] told [ ] that he has become completely disenchanted with [ ] who originally came to him to secure information concerning [ ] for [ ]

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[ ] described [ ] as a peculiar individual who has been begging [ ] to buy knives and electronic bugging equipment for him. In fact, in order to get rid of [ ] purchased for [ ] the weapon which was photographed by the New York Division.

[ ] now appears to [ ] to be a mental case. He claims that he is an undercover man [ ] is in some mysterious way now or in the past been connected with CID in the Army and has suggested that he is a private investigator doing work on his own for other individuals.

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[ ] is breaking away from [ ] because of [ ] apparent mental instability and peculiarities.

It does not appear that New York should give credence to the information furnished by [ ]

After seeing the weapon that [ ] had acquired, [ ] hounded [ ] until he purchased one for him through "Shotgun News".

[ ] is worried that [ ] may be a mental case, [ ] is in on the Standard Oil deal and [ ] regrets this.

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Negotiations with Standard Oil are being handled through a Mr. [ ] of Standard Oil in New York City.

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Information concerning [ ] was voluntarily supplied by [ ] to [ ] when [ ] attempted to interest [ ] in the Standard Oil venture.

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[ ] has declined to attempt to purchase any additional knives for [ ] and has refused to purchase electronic bugging equipment for him.

On August 22, 1966, [ ] advised he had no information in his possession which would indicate that [ ] was engaged in illegal activity or was holding any meetings of the type described by [ ] to New York Office.

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On June 17, 1966, [ ] Bridgeport Credit Rating Bureau, Bridgeport, Connecticut, advised that her records reflect the following information concerning [ ] also known as [ ]

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[ ]:

Employment

1963 - Nelson and Echard (location unknown)  
1961 - Johnson Manufacturing Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut  
1960 - City Lumber Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut

Residences

1963 - Jeniford Road, Fairfield, Connecticut  
1960 - 790 Summit Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

[ ] has a poor credit rating.

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On August 22, 1966, Officer [ ] Fairfield, Connecticut, Police Department, advised he could locate no record identifiable with [ ] aka [ ]

The 1966 Bridgeport, Connecticut, City Directory which covers Fairfield, Connecticut, lists [ ] of the John Birch Society. His employer's place of business is listed as Belmont, Massachusetts.



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New Haven Office files reflect that [redacted] made available information on March 2, 1965, and March 8, 1965, indicating that [redacted] Connecticut, subscribed to the weekend and midweek edition of "The Worker" for a one year period ending February 4, 1965.

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In the event that New York feels [redacted] has furnished reliable information in instant matter, the following leads should be covered:

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LEADS:

NEW YORK

New York is requested to reinterview PSI [redacted] (reliability not established) and determine the following:

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(1) When [redacted] originally contacted the informant in reference to [redacted]

[redacted] did he specifically say these were John Birch Society investments or was this the informant's conclusion because he knew [redacted] to be a member of the John Birch Society at the time he originally furnished the information to the New York Office.

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(2) Could the oil investments in Africa have been Standard Oil Company or some other oil company investments rather than John Birch Society oil investments?

(3) Could the informant have been the victim of a practical joke when he allegedly was requested to learn all about firearms, bombs and the FBI's training methods?

(4) Specifically what happened on each of the occasions that the informant contacted [redacted].

(5) Secure complete details concerning what transpired at each John Birch Society meeting the informant attended in Connecticut.

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(6) Did the informant purchase the combination brass knuckles and knife at the meeting at Newtown, Connecticut, on April 7, 1966? Did other individuals purchase weapons at this meeting? How does he know 75 weapons were purchased at \$15.00 per weapon? Who offered the weapon for sale? What were the circumstances under which it was sold?

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material  
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)(C)  
FROM: SA RICHARD H. BLASSER  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

9/2/66

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| Date received<br>8/16/66   | Received from (name or symbol number)<br>[redacted]<br>Cromer | Received by<br>SA RICHARD H. BLASSER                           | b2<br>b6<br>b7C<br>b7D |
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| Brief description of activity or material<br>Trip to Texas   |   | File where original is located if not attached<br>[redacted]   | b2<br>b7D              |

Remarks:

Information from [redacted] need not be concealed.  
He has testified and is characterized as having furnished  
reliable information in the past. Informant's report  
follows:

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- 1 - San Antonio (RM)
- 1 - El Paso (RM)
- 1 - Buffalo (RM)
- ① - New York (RM)
- 2 - Boston (100-32899)

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*Re John Birch Society  
Info Concerning*

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"REPORT OF TEXAS TRIP OF

[redacted] from July 20 to 29. Flew

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AA to Dallas and by Gray Hound Bus to  
Laredo, Texas.

"July 22, 1966 AUSTIN, TEXAS.

"AMERICAN OPINION BOOK STORE  
712 Brazes St. GR. 6-1488

Store in down-town section of town. Two women,  
one 60 year old.

Other -- [redacted] (late 40's).

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"They publish 'Freedom Views' PO Box 983 Austin Texas  
which is also part of Austin Anti-Communist League.

"One half of material was JBS. 4/9 material was Dr.  
Fred Schwarz, Christian Anti-Communist Crusade.

"1/9 were works of Edward A. Walker and American Mercury  
Mrs. Hancock talks with him by phone. Says he is  
wonderful and that he is getting ready to go to  
Christian Crusade. Billy James Hargis.

"Bought 2 books

"Will Russia Conquer the World" by I thought E.A. Walker  
by it is by William H. Walker Dean, of Miami Bible  
Institute. 900 N.W. 30th Street, Miami, Florida.

"June 1965 American Mercury  
also Pin 'Great Society'

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"They sold 'Truth about Selma'. She said, 'In Birmingham I could pick up true story. Gave me copy of 'Night Riders' 100% Klan book. Showed me picture of Negro and White in 'act'. Said that these pictures were not censored.

"Says Lobe 'Manchester Guardian' like local paper 'Borger Texas News-Herald'. Both often print same letters to editor. [redacted] letter in one.

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"There are several local chapters. New drive for membership. Did not do well with 'Support Your Local Police'. Said membership will pick up with coming of 'Mellon pickers' strike (locking for \$1.25) Rex T. Westerfield -- regional director of JBS in Dallas charges C.P. support

Thur. July 21, 1966 page 5B  
The Waco News Tribune

"She gave me copy of the 'The Augusta Courier' said she supports this paper.

"She said, 'Human Events' on 18th Congressional District of Texas tells about a strip of land 1 mile X 60 miles of Texas to be given to Mexican Government by Johnson.

"July 22 SAN ANTONIO  
American Publishing Company 806+7 Travis Bldg.  
Constitutional Party 4519 Rimrock  
Both addresses were not in telephone book and operator could not give me any other phone number.

"July 24, 1966 DALLAS, TEXAS

"VISITED [redacted] to  
Price Daniels (former Gov.)

[redacted]  
corner Toronto and Parvia Streets over the bridge from  
downtown Dallas  
His home is about 5 miles West of Church

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"Went to part of Bible Class and all of morning service.

"He asked if I would lead in prayer but I declined.  
Wanted to know what Right wing organization I belonged  
to. (Am. Institute)...  
He said he wished I would move down here because we  
need more Right Wingers down here. I showed him  
copy of First Nat. Directory and he said that he had one.  
He is founder of Citizens Council. He sold me \$1.50  
GOD THE ORIGINAL SEGREGATIONIST but wanted to do  
business out side the Church because Jesus might throw  
him out.

"TEMPATATIONS OF GAMBLING Christian Life Commission  
THE BIBLE JUDGES COMMUNISM Southern Baptist Convention

[redacted] member says she belonged to church for  
long time

Rev. a good man and in many things (Questioned about  
White Citizens Council)

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"July 25, 1966  
VISITED  
VIRGINIAS BOOK SHOP  
3812 Gaston Ave.  
Tal-1929

"Had a complete store of Religious Books. Consertive  
and fundermental religion. Store statement of belief.  
Established in 1957. All material 'screened' for  
Biblical truth, sound doctrine.'  
had same Wm. H. Walker book I bought in AUSTIN.

"Bought 'THE FATHERWOOD OF GOD AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN  
American Council of Churches  
'SELECTED TEXT FOR PERSONAL WORKERS'  
'THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES--A MENAGE TO CHURCH  
AND STATE

The Presbyterian Journal  
Weaverville, N.C.

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"UNIVERSAL PLAN  
2018 Bennett Ave.

"No answer at this home. Was near to where Speck  
used to live. 11:30 AM

"AMERICAN BOOK CO  
PARK CITIES NORTH DALLAS NESW  
6930 Snider Plaza Rug weavers hobie shop new at this address

"Called AMERICAN BOOK CO 411 Elm St. Not the same outfit.

"H. L. HUNT PUBLISHING CO.  
1401 Elm St. Dallas Texas  
First National Bank Building  
on the 29th floor of new building  
over looks square where Kennedy killed.

"Was given bundle of 'Life Line Material'  
Went on mailing list as  
Malcolm Mosher  
Rout 2  
PO Box 93  
Union, Maine

"July 26, 1966

"VISITED  
AMERICAN OPINION BOOK STORE  
8711 McKinney Ave. Dallas Texas  
TA7-5741 also the home of John Birch Society

"Took pictures. In a new building on bus rout to  
Love Air Field. Book store plus office. There were  
two young women working therein A.M.

"FREE

"Dallas County Committee  
Support Your Local Police  
PO Box 30383  
Dallas Texas 75230

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"Notice of Mr. Thomas J. Davis  
speaking on subject Jewish Community and  
the John Birch Society  
Aug. 10, 1958 BAKER HOTEL 8PM  
and attack on ADL

"FOR SALE

"'GOLD SWINDLE by George Lacey Jordan  
Bumper sticker DOES POLITICS PAY:? ASK L.B.J.

"Almost all the material was on list of JBS  
but not the Jordan book. They also had the  
book 'Truth of Selma'.

"VISITED

"VOICE OF FREEDOM  
26W. Mockingbird Lane  
Freedom Press, Inc.  
F12-9422 PO Box 20113

"Nashville, Tenn. 37202  
PO Box 128

"SPOKE WITH

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"He gave me a whole box full of material without  
cost. I promised to take material into Maine.  
He did not ask for my name and address. He also gave  
me a copy of "THE ROCK's anti-Roman Catholic newspaper  
from Sydney, Australia.

"Roman Catholic church is the chief foe.  
he said that 'RCC has not changed only the pro~~per~~ganda  
has changed. The RCC is a bigger threat today than  
ever.' Material on the desk shows letters from all  
over the country.

"VISITED

CITIZENS COUNCIL  
WILSON BUILDING  
1621. Main Street in down town Dallas



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"I could not find name in lobby and I was forced to ask Negro starter. He said 'Is this like a law firm'. I said 'No, more like an association.' (He knew but would not help.) He sent me to room 612 to women accountants. They sent me to building manager. He said that he had no record or knowledge. He sent me to room 723.

"NAME ON DOOR  
McCraw & Robinson



No one at home.

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"Visited Kennedy shooting park. Took pictures and talked with two men. One from SF and other a native.


"Bought book 'Dallas' by Warren Leslie

"JULY 27 VISITED



she is sister of one member and  
wife of another member of the  
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"She looked like  Office was a mess with checks and other papers all over the office. She could not find any material for me but copy of CITIZENS COUNCIL CHARTER and two membership cards. She is the Treasurer. There were 1954 and and 1958 copies of COMMON SENSE ON THE table with other papers.

"She tried to get me an appointment with GENERAL EDWARD A. WALKER but could not because he was getting ready to go to other meetings  
4011 Turtle Circle Lal-4115

"She is active as a person in John Birch Society. She gave me KKK name and thinks Walker is great.

She gave me the following names:

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"TEXAS CITIZENS COUNCIL  
1125 Davis Bldg.  
Dallas 2, Texas.

James L. McNees Pres. of Citizens Council  
R1 2-5200 Listed in Davis Bldg.  
she gave me Adolphis Tower

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and she said that he is member of KKK

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"OTHER NAMES OF CHARTER

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"REPORT OF 'BOSTON CITY NEWS Aug. 11, 1966

"FORT WORTH, TEXAS (NPI)  
Provisional Government of Confederate States of America

"Proclamation dated Feb. 9, 1966 13 Southern States.

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"Dan H. Boown, II President Weatherford Texas  
William Roy Bean Vice Pres.

"other signers  
Gen Edwin Walker, Dallas

[REDACTED]  
Wright Patman, congressman

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[REDACTED]  
Gov. George Wallace, Ala.  
Strom Thurmond SC  
Eddie Rickenbacker, NY  
Rev. Christian Weyland, Buffalo, NY."

All necessary action taken. Indexing is being left to the discretion of offices receiving a copy of this memorandum as it is not known on what persons their offices may have files.

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## Barry Tells GOP: Keep Birchers Out of Power

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 26 (AP)—Barry Goldwater, in an attack at the John Birch Society, has warned Republicans to keep the ultraconservative group away from power in the party.

"I tell you, the worst job of politics is don in districts run by the Birch people," Goldwater said yesterday in an interview with Don Bolles of the Arizona Republic.

"If you gave them control of the state organization, you wouldn't have a Republican candidate elected in this state."

The former U.S. Senator, his party's nominee for President in 1964, spoke on the eve of Arizona's Republican state convention in Phoenix today.

### CLOSE ELECTION

Harry Rosenzweig, lifelong friend of Goldwater, was unopposed for re-election as state chairman. There were reports that John Birch Society members might try to oust Rosenzweig, but Goldwater said "I don't think they have the strength."

Last Friday, at suburban

Mesa, Charles Miller was re-elected Maricopa (Phoenix) county chairman in a close contest with a retired Chicago executive reported to have had Goldwater's backing.

Goldwater charged members of the Birch Society controlled that election. "They were interested only in one person gaining control over another," Goldwater said. "It was mostly Birchers there."

There was no public reaction to Goldwater's remarks from spokesmen for the John Birch Society.

However, Miller's campaign manager disputed the view of Goldwater.

State Rep. David Kret said he has never been associated with the John Birch Society and that Miller resigned from membership more than five years ago.

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11 *Evans Journal Tribune*

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# Birchite Coup Angers Barry

By CHARLES AULKIN

The John Birch Society has hit Barry Goldwater where it hurts the most—in his home county—and Goldwater is so unhappy he may take charge of the Arizona Republican organization.

"I tell you," Goldwater confided to a reporter in Phoenix, "the worst job of politics is done in districts run by the Birch people. If you gave them control of the state organization, you wouldn't have a Republican candidate elected in this state."

What nettled the 1964 GOP Presidential loser — long a

favorite of the Birchers—was a Birchite coup in the Maricopa County (Phoenix) GOP chairman election.

The candidate favored by Goldwater and Republican Sen. Fannin, George Diefenderfer, failed to unseat Charles Miller as chairman.

According to Goldwater, Diefenderfer—a retired Chicago ad man and GOP fund raiser — might have won if the Birch Society hadn't been calling the shots.

"They were interested only in one person gaining control over another," said Goldwater. "It was mostly Birchers there."

The former Senator noted that the county delegates sat around for five hours and heard not a speech on how to defeat Arizona's Gov. Sam Goddard and elect GOP candidates.

There were reports that Goldwater might agree to serve as Arizona GOP chairman as a temporary measure if the Birch faction tries to oust the present state chairman, Harry Rosenzweig.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

DATE: October 17, 1966

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-2114) P.

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re New Haven letter to New York dated 8-25-66.

By letter dated August 25, 1966, the St. Louis Division advised that a review on August 17, 1966, of the military records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri indicate that [redacted] serial number [redacted] enlisted in the U.S. Navy on January 11, 1951, and entered on active duty on the same date at New York City, New York. He was honorably discharged on October 20, 1954, as an MR-3 at Charleston, South Carolina, by reason of expiration of term of enlistment.

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The following descriptive and background information is contained in the records:

|                                  |   |             |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Date of Birth:                   | [redacted]  | Connecticut |
| Place of Birth:                  | [redacted]  |             |
| Height:                          | 72"   |             |
| Weight:                          | 210 lbs.  |             |
| Race:                            | Caucasian   |             |
| Hair:                            | Brown   |             |
| Eyes:                            | Brown   |             |
| Complexion:                      | Ruddy   |             |
| Build:                           | Heavy   |             |
| Education:                       | 4 years high school (at time of military service) |             |
| Civilian occupation:             | student   |             |
| Military occupation:             | Machinery repairman                               |             |
| Address (at time of enlistment): | [redacted]  | Conn.       |

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

NH 62-2114

Father: ANDREW J. MACEK, 35 Bradley Ave., Fairfield,  
Connecticut

Mother: STELLA MACEK, same address

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[redacted]  
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past,  
has made periodic unannounced contacts with [redacted] at his home  
in Newtown, Connecticut. [redacted] advises that there is  
no indication whatsoever that [redacted] is holding the type of  
meeting that has been suggested by [redacted] whom  
New Haven was developing as a PSI.

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In view of the nature of the information set forth in  
referenced communication, New York is being requested to  
furnish New Haven with its evaluation of the reliability  
of [redacted] in order that this matter may be brought to  
a logical conclusion.

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SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22382)

10/18/66

SAC, BOSTON (100-32899-)

  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Re Baltimore letter to Boston dated 10/14/66,  
captioned as above.

For the information of recipient offices, the  
Bureau has previously instructed that no investigation be  
conducted concerning the John Birch Society.

For the further information of Baltimore, Boston  
files contain no reference to captioned individual.

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SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-2114)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597) (P)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re New York airtel to New Haven, dated 3/3/66, New York letter to New Haven, dated 4/14/66, and New Haven letter to New York, dated 8/25/66.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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PCI [redacted] when contacted in the past in connection with criminal matters has furnished information which has proven to be reliable. [redacted] has not displayed any evidence of being mentally unstable. Therefore, the New York Office, at this time, has no reason to doubt the veracity of [redacted] information in instant matter and, as requested in above-referenced letter dated 8/25/66, [redacted] was re-contacted on 9/14, 22/66 and on 10/4/66.

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With respect to the specific points raised on pages 5 and 6 of above-referenced letter dated 8/25/66, [redacted] commented as follows regarding the points listed:

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1. and 2. When [redacted] originally contacted [redacted] in reference to [redacted] [redacted] concluded that these were John Birch Society investments because he knew [redacted] to be a member of the John Birch Society, however, [redacted] subsequently learned that these investments were Standard Oil Company investments.

3. [redacted] does not believe that he was the victim of a practical joke when he was requested to learn all about firearms, bombs, and the FBI's training methods.

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4. With respect to [redacted] contacts with [redacted] in addition to the details set forth in above-referenced New York airtel to New Haven, dated 3/3/66, concerning these contacts, the general conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] during these contacts pertained to [redacted]

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6. [ ] purchased the combination brass knuckles and knife at the John Birch Society meeting at Newtown, Connecticut on 4/7/66 for \$15.00. 8 or 9 other individuals who were present at this meeting also purchased one each of the combination brass knuckles and knife for \$15.00. [ ] knows that the price paid for the combination brass knuckles and knife was \$15.00 per weapon because he witnessed the transactions. 75 of these weapons were not sold as was stated in above-referenced New York letter to New Haven, dated 4/14/66, but, according to [ ] allegedly had 75 of these weapons in his possession. (It will be determined from [ ] if he, [ ] actually saw the 75 weapons or if [ ] merely said that he had 75 of these weapons, and this information will be furnished to the New Haven Office in a subsequent letter.) The weapons were offered for sale by [ ] and, when making the offer, [ ] said that the weapons would be useful "when we get started", which [ ] personally interpreted as meaning when they to to [ ].

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With respect to point 5. regarding the complete details concerning what transpired at each John Birch Society meeting, the New York Office will furnish these details to the New Haven Office in a subsequent letter.

For the information of the New Haven Office, on 9/23/66, [ ] and [ ] met with one [ ] who is in charge of the Standard Oil Company's African investments. The meeting took place in a Standard Oil Company office at Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. At this meeting a contract was discussed with respect to [ ]

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

DATE: 10/20/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED] # 43

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/18/66, [REDACTED]  
of the New York Office, furnished the following information:

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On 10/13/66, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New York, 10462, (protect by T symbol at  
his request), who is in a position to furnish reliable information,  
advised [REDACTED] that Truth About Civil Turmoil (TACT) rents Post  
Office Box 76 at the Parkchester Branch of the United States Post  
Office.

On 10/14/66, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that he had  
determined that the above box was rented on 7/13/66 by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The Bronx, New York.

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It is to be noted that TACT is a campaign formed by the John  
Birch Society to disseminate the truth about the civil rights movement.

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# 'May Be Birchers, But Not Extremists'

By TOM COLLINS

World Journal Tribune Staff

"They may be Birchers, but they're not extremists," this was the strong affirmation today of the mother of two alleged Minutemen arrested for conspiracy to destroy three privately owned camps.

Mrs. Lucy Ferraro, 56, took time out from waiting on customers at her small Queens grocery at 150-27 115th St. Richmond Hill, to tell the World Journal Tribune about her milkmen sons, Frank, 29, and Lebro, 24, who were arrested by police yesterday.

Mrs. Ferraro said, "I got the understanding when I talked to them that they belonged to the John Birch Society, but I never knew them to be Minutemen."

## DEFENDS HUSBAND

Her sentiments were echoed by Mrs. Mary Knotgen whose husband John R. Knotgen, 44, of 20 Bailey Ave., Bayshore, L.I., was seized in the early morning raids on the three armed Minutemen teams.

"He is not an extremist and never was. He doesn't belong to any organization and surely not to the Minutemen," Mrs. Knotgen said of her husband, who is a moldmaker.

She said, "Both of us had belonged to the Birch Society, but gave it up in mid-summer. I am a conservative and so is he."

"How could he attend a secret

meeting? He comes home at his regular quitting time. He has never kept a secret from me.

"He was a combat soldier in World War II. He loves this country. This is his home."

## 'NOT A MINUTEMAN'

Mrs. Pauline Kieswer, mother of city fireman William R. Kieswer, 29, of 135-12 130th St. Ozone Park, Queens, said:

"He is definitely not a Minuteman. I know he is not a member of any group like that. He is a good boy, I know he is innocent."

Corts Bouse, Conservative party candidate for District Attorney of Nassau County, was retained by several of the arrested men to represent them.

"I think it is a well-timed political gimmick," Bouse said.

"The only firearms seized are ordinary hunting equipment.

"What's peculiar to me is that these people never heard of each other. If that is the case, it doesn't make for a hell of a lot of efficiency," Bouse declared.

"These are every day American families."

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## A Bircher In the FBI? RFK's Opposed

By ARTHUR GREENSPAN

Should FBI or Secret Service agents be allowed to join the John Birch Society, or for that matter any extremist group?

"No," says Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, . . . "it does not seem to me to be wise to allow members of any extremist group to serve" in these agencies because these "have special responsibilities in the field of national security."

Kennedy discussed "Extremism In America Today," in a booklet by that name published this week by the American Jewish Committee.

It is one of a series of "American Conversations," the AJC has been holding to "bring the views of outstanding leaders of thought and opinion of political and social issues confronting the United States and the contemporary world."

Kennedy, along with Sen. Case (D-N.J.) and Morris B. Abram, president of the AJC, participated in the discussion on extremism.

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#### Other Views

On other topics, the panel had these views:

Extremism will continue to be a threat in the U. S., said Kennedy, "as long as we have difficult and complex problems, and as long as there are groups within the United States who feel that there are easy answers—that everything has to be seen in black and white, and that we can deal with these matters rapidly, without a great deal of thought and a great deal of time . . ."

Some of the anti-Viet Nam demonstrations, said Kennedy, have "weakened the position of those who advocate a particular cause. But this doesn't mean they are illegal. Unless they violate local or federal laws, I don't think that we have to take any legal action to protect ourselves."

Kennedy said, "I may disagree with some of the demonstrations that are taking place—in fact, I do." But he feels "it's healthy for the country that we discuss all these matters."

Abram said the real threat of extremism "comes more from those ring-wing extremists who are apt to equate any kind of dissent with disloyalty . . . They tend to regard those who oppose them as guilty of treason . . . In a way, these people behave like immature children . . ."

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## Birchland, 1966

JAMES A. WECHSLER

From early evening until almost midnight, I revisited the eerie political fantasy world of Birchland. The occasion was the eighth anniversary dinner of the John Birch Society; some 1,300 true believers in Robert Welch crowded the grand ballroom of the New York Hilton Friday, having paid fifteen dollars each to share his nightmares, vent their furies and pledge their vengeance against such revisionist renagades as William Buckley and Richard Nixon.

Few revelations hitherto uncontained in the Birchite bibles were bared. Many of the lines were a repetition of those I heard a year ago at the same reunion, except that this year one Alan Stang, the society's desperate comedian uncongenially acknowledged my presence at a press-table largely occupied by non-journalistic Birchites.

Despite the familiarity of the script, there remained a certain fascination in the spectacle. Where else on the Right can one hear such as Buckley denounced as opportunist politicians who have deserted the real anti-Communist cause and surrendered to the blandishments of the conspiratorial Establishment?

It is also hard to visualize any other assemblage in which it would be deemed a source of high merriment to hear John Lindsay described as "New York's version of Benito Mussolini" and the mini-skirt as "one of the few things on the up and up in this society." Such witticisms really sent the crowd.

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One must also read the solemnity of the ovation that greeted Claude Manion, Notre Dame's one-time law school dean, when he told the assemblage that "you are the selfless society," and that there is "something sanctified about you that will not find its reward in this world, but with the help of God you will be rewarded for it in the hereafter."

An observer who came upon this well-dressed, well-fed entourage without knowing the nature of the meeting would hardly detect that he was in the presence of men and women for whom material things had lost all value and whose eyes were pinned on life-after-death. The cheers seemed equally implausible when another orator cried, "If Robert Welch told us to walk through hell to save this republic, I for one would follow him."

What is so conspicuous about most of those in the audience is that they wear the costumes of solid middle-class citizens, preoccupied with neither an early journey to heaven or hell, but with matters of life insurance and other forms of commerce on earth.

They are men one might expect to meet at a taxpayers' meeting in Queens or in some Connecticut suburb, and women who might be convened for some local charity. But there is no tone of charity in the air once the verbal incitements begin. There is madness.

For somehow they have been persuaded, in the words of young, balding Reed Benson (the son of Ezra Taft Benson and a major addition to this year's cast of characters), that only, Birchites understand how far "The Conspiracy" has gone, and "the Lord leaves it up to us to spread the word. The average man would join us if he knew . . . Our mission is to save the republic."

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The conspiracy is everywhere. It is in Viet Nam where Lyndon Johnson, another speaker explained, "could win the Viet Nam war tomorrow except that we don't want to offend our Russian friends." It is in the civil rights movement—"a part of a massive plot to destroy our republic." It is in Washington and City Hall. It was in the Civilian Complaint Review Board. Most of all, it is in the effort to discredit Robert Welch whose mystique is perhaps the most baffling aspect of the movement.

He is a man of obvious vanity, no audible gifts of speech, and a seemingly total victim of paranoid imagination.

He was capable of telling a news conference earlier on Friday that he could offer flat assurance that the Chinese possess no atomic resources, and that Johnson is delaying our victory in Viet Nam so that the war can be used to extend "socialist" controls of our economy.

He is dull and mirthless, with the exterior demeanor of George F. Babbitt rather than that of a skilled demagogue. Perhaps that is why his fanaticism appeals to the respectable. In their hearts they may know that he will never lead any mob to any barricades, no matter how wild his words. He is a fanatic who can make the most frenzied delusion sound like a political eccentricity.

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And yet, as midnight approached and Welch announced that he would scrap his formal concluding remarks, there were shrill cries of "No, no, no." The faithful pleaded for his final words, as if nearly three hours of speeches had merely warmed their spirits for the ultimate message. Perhaps they wanted to be told once more, as so many speakers had told them, that they were the heroes and martyrs of our time and the tragic victims of ruthless persecution.

Now there was nothing left for them to do that night except, return to their well-padded homes, prepare for new crusades against heretics in their midst and pray that Ronald Reagan would not betray them. They know not where they are going, but they are unassailed by doubt.



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## Reagan, Meet Welch

The Birch Society, according to its chief spokesman, Robert Welch, "helped create the atmosphere that elected Ronald Reagan as governor of California." Part of this climate, presumably, is indicated by Welch's contention that the Viet Nam war is being conducted in "a way designed not to win."

Gov.-elect Reagan is critical, like Welch, of the pace of the war. He wants the United States to bomb military installations in Hanoi, to keep the enemy guessing whether we will use nuclear weapons, and mobilize, totally, this country's resources.

This might seem to square with Welch's appraisal—but it doesn't. The former candy-maker is scornful of the "half-starved guerrillas" fighting against us in Viet Nam; he believes the Johnson administration wants to keep the war going and enlarge it, so as to impose rationing and price and wage controls. In other words, total mobilization.

It would seem, then, that Reagan wants to do quickly what Welch accuses

the Johnson administration of plotting to do slowly—and, mind, the Birch Society man doesn't want this kind of thing and apparently doesn't think it necessary.

We don't think it's necessary, either—nor does the President or his defense secretary. But we do think it would be well for Reagan to get to know Welch, and vice versa, and for the voters of California to get to know both. It might change their atmosphere out there.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

DATE: 12/22/66

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-2114) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re New York letter to New Haven, 10/18/66.

On December 20, 1966, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he still continues to make periodic unannounced contacts with [redacted] at [redacted] home in [redacted] Connecticut. [redacted] advises that there is no indication whatsoever that [redacted] is holding the type of meetings that has been suggested by New York PSI.

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New York is requested to complete the investigation now outstanding in its territory in order that this matter may be brought to a logical conclusion.

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SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-2114)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597) (RUC)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re New York airtel to New Haven, dated 3/3/66, New York letters to New Haven, dated 4/14/66 and 10/18/66, and New Haven letters to New York, dated 8/25/66, 10/17/66, and 12/22/66.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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With respect to lines 11 to 14 of point 6 on page 2 of above-referenced New York letter to New Haven, dated 10/18/66, PCI [redacted] was contacted on 11/26/66 and he advised as follows:

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To the best of his, [redacted] knowledge, concerning the combination brass knuckles and knife, one of which he purchased, they were in a box on a table in the room in which the meeting was held. He, [redacted] did not count the knives but [redacted] said "I have 75 of these for sale at \$15.00 each", after [redacted] displayed one that he held in his hand.

With respect to point 5 on page 5 of above-referenced letter dated 8/25/66, [redacted] commented as follows on 11/26/66:

To the best of his, [redacted] recollection, he, [redacted] has attended approximately 5 meetings of the John Birch Society (JBS) held at the home of [redacted] Connecticut. No more than 12 individuals ever appeared at any meeting he attended, but from 4 to 5 new faces would be observed at each meeting. [redacted] is unable to recall exactly what transpired at each of the meetings that he attended, however, generally the topic of discussion while he was in attendance was [redacted]. At one meeting [redacted] was asked to step into another room while those remaining discussed a matter.

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On or about 9/17/66 at a JBS meeting he attended, one ROBERT WELCH spoke. Most of WELCH's talk was along political lines and he suggested that all JBS members residing in New York State should vote for FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, JR. for Governor. (It is to be noted that an individual named ROBERT WELCH was the founder of the JBS.)

On or about 7/26/66, [ ] had requested him to attempt to secure a New York City Permit so that a 6 by 12 foot picture of United States Supreme Court Chief Justice EARL WARREN could be erected, which picture would denounce WARREN as "selling the United States down the river" as a result of recent United States Supreme Court rulings.

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[ ] contacted various billboard companies and inquired if such a sign could be erected, however, each company advised that the City of New York would never issue such a permit.

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On 10/3/66, [ ] spoke to [ ] who is in charge of the Standard Oil Company's African investments, by trans-Atlantic telephone. They discussed the part [ ] would play if and when the Standard Oil Company signed contracts with [ ]

[ ] stated that [ ] heard of the above telephone contact and he became very angry about it and since that time [ ] has been very cool towards him, [ ]

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## BIRCHERS CHART WARREN ATTACK

### Welch Tells of Plan for New Drive for Impeachment

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11—Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., president of the John Birch Society, said today that the right-wing organization would probably mount an intensive, organized national drive to have Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, impeached.

The society has been fostering an "Impeach Earl Warren" campaign for several years, based on resentment of the liberal trend of United States Supreme Court decisions.

But Mr. Welch said this had been a relatively low-key, academic gesture compared with what is now contemplated.

"Our national field staff of 80 full-time coordinators has not worked on the impeachment campaign at all," he said.

"Under the program we're considering" he said, "starting within the next three or four months they would be put to work on speeches and petitions, along with our 1,100 volunteer section leaders throughout the country—doctors and retired businessmen, and people like that."

### Impeachment Defined

Impeachment is a formal declaration by the House of Representatives of charges that are then the subject of a trial in the United States Senate.

Mr. Welch, who is here from his headquarters in Belmont, Mass., on a speaking tour, told a news conference at the Statler Hilton Hotel that the stepped-up impeachment idea stemmed primarily from the conservative tide of public opinion reflected in last November's election, rather than from anything new in the Court's trend.

"We were serious about the idea before," he said, "but we didn't feel we had any immediate chance of success. Now I think the chances against our succeeding by, say, 1968, are 2 to 1 or 3 to 1, but no impossible odds by any means."

The Birch leader rejected a suggestion that such a campaign would go beyond the stated "educational" character of the society's activities into the realm of politics.

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## WALLACE REFUSES TO SCORE BIRCHERS

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Ex-Governor, in Pittsburgh,  
Cheered by Businessmen

By WARREN WEAVER Jr.

Special to The New York Times

PITTSBURGH, April 27

George C. Wallace refused today to criticize the John Birch Society and expressed appreciation to three of its members for organizing local support for his candidacy for President.

"I am not a member of the John Birch Society," the former Alabama Governor told a news conference here. "I have never been to one of their meetings, but I have read some articles by the John Birch Society about anticommunism."

"I am not going to denounce the John Birch Society. I know a few of its members in Alabama, and they are some of our finest citizens although they didn't support me for governor or my wife either."

Mr. Wallace was asked to comment on the formation here yesterday by three members of the Birch Society of a western Pennsylvania Citizens for Wallace committee. Heading the effort is John Mihelic, president of the local Birch group.

### Pickets Circle Hotel

"I appreciate the fact that these people want to support me for the Presidency," the Alabamian replied, without further elaboration.

Half an hour later, 17 floors below the news conference room, more than 1,000 pickets began circling the Penn-Sheraton Hotel, protesting Mr. Wallace's evening appearance before the annual dinner of the Amen Corner, a group of Pittsburgh businessmen and civic leaders.

The pickets, mostly Negroes, represented the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Jewish Congress and other groups. They chanted, "Hey, hey, ho, ho, George Wallace has to go" and carried signs reading, "Amen Corner, Amen to Bigotry."

Several Pittsburgh newspapermen said it was the largest civil rights protest they could remember here, in a city with a large Negro population but no recent history of racial violence.

It was the second protest within the first 24 hours of Mr. Wallace's four-day political tour of the North. Last night on the Syracuse

University campus, a few hundred members of an audience of 4,500 heckled, jeered, chanted and sang during his speech and led largely unsuccessful walk-out movements.

The pickets were not the only persons protesting here. A United Steelworkers of America dinner moved out of the hotel where Mr. Wallace was to speak, and the five celebrities on the dinner program all declined to attend, including Richard King Mellon, a well-known Pittsburgh businessman, who was to receive the Amen Corner's annual public service award.

Pittsburgh's Democratic Mayor, Joseph M. Barr, also boycotted the dinner, along with the Allegheny County chairmen of both major parties.

The two-hour demonstration on the sidewalk below did not prevent some 600 members of the Amen Corner from giving Mr. Wallace and his views on states' rights a laughing, cheering reception at the dinner. There were no Negro guests present. There are no Negro members of the organization.

At the news conference here, his second of the day, Mr. Wallace said that if he ran for

President, as he generally expects to, he planned to try to get his name on the ballot as an independent candidate in all 50 states.

In states that make it very difficult for third-party Presidential nominees to be listed with the Democratic and Republican standard bearers, he said, he may file law suits to obtain such recognition. Wallace aides mentioned California and Ohio as such states.

Earlier in Syracuse, Mr. Wallace said he would probably seek the Presidency next year as a third-party candidate, without challenging President Johnson in the Democratic primaries first.

"The greater possibility is that I'll go the new party route," the former Alabama Governor said on a television interview over WNYS-TV. "I have no illusions about bringing about changes in the national Republican party or the national Democratic party."

Following this strategy, Mr. Wallace said, he would "probably" bypass primary elections altogether. Only a few weeks ago he had indicated he would compete in the first 1968 primary in New Hampshire next March.

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As recently as yesterday, the Alabamian had indicated that either of the two major parties might dissuade him from running at all by adopting a platform that mirrored his opposition to big government, Federal interference with local autonomy and restricted law enforcement.

If Mr. Wallace should enter the New Hampshire primary, it would force Democratic leaders in that state to put forward a competitive slate of delegates pledged openly or tacitly to President Johnson, or face the prospect of no organization representation at the Presidential convention at all.

Mr. Wallace was asked at a Syracuse Press Club news conference what qualifications he had for dealing with foreign policy in the event he should be elected President.

"I've read about foreign policy and studied—I know the number of continents," he replied. "What experience, with all due respect, have Governor Romney and Governor Rockefeller had? What experience did Lyndon Johnson have prior to becoming President?"

Then he paused and added: "We couldn't get in any worse position in our foreign policy."

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# Memorandum

TOADIC: NEWYORK

DATE: 5/19/67

FROM IC

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY & MINUTEMEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Brooklyn, N.Y.  
telephone# [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the writer and stated  
that he on the evening of 5/18/67 visited a bar & grill in his area.

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[REDACTED] states that he meet seven men and a  
discussion ensued where these individuals admitted that they were all  
members of the John Birch Society and that two of they were Minutemen.  
The nature of the conversation was such that this group bragged that  
if any race problems arose in the area they would kill a few of the  
leaders and this would stop ~~the~~ any problems.

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The group involved with these statements frequent this  
neighborhood Bar & Grill known as Owens Bar & Grill located 57th St.  
and Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. The bartender & owner know the individuals  
by name.

[REDACTED] will cooperate with the Bureau in attempting  
to identify the individuals with whom he spoke with last evening.

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# Memorandum

TO : ADIC  
(ATT: SAC PONDER, DIV. I)

DATE: 5/23/67

FROM : SA [redacted] #14

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SUBJECT: *John Birch Society*  
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During March of this year, while bedridden with infectious hepatitis, I received a letter from the John Birch Society, in which were enclosed various pamphlets advocating their theories or doctrines. Inasmuch as I was more concerned at this time with how badly I felt, than reading anything, these papers were laid aside, and were apparently thrown in the trash by my wife or one of my children. This incident was forgotten until the past two weeks, when I received two more letters containing literature of the John Birch Society.

Why I was picked as a recipient of their literature or even how they were able to obtain my address is unknown to me. I have never had a listed phone in this area, so it could not have been so obtained. The next most likely possibility is a neighbor, but I have never learned of any of them being members of the above-mentioned society. Inasmuch as these letters commenced following my hospitalization, it is possible that someone with access to the hospital records, made my address available.

Enclosed herewith are two letters date May 4, 1967, and May 20, 1967, with literature therein.

Inasmuch as there is no return address on the letters received, I am unable to notify the sender (s) that I do not want any of these pamphlets and to delete my name from their mailing list. I wish to advise the Bureau that I have never been a member of this society nor have I ever been solicited to become a member.

*1-Section #14*

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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

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|--|----------------------------|---|--------|---|-------|---|--|
| Subject's name and aliases<br><b>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY</b>                                |                            |   |        | Address of subject  |       | Character of case<br><b>INFO-CONCERNING</b>   |  |
| Complainant<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> |                            |   |        | Complainant's address and telephone number<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> |       | Complaint received<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Telephonic<br>Date <b>5/31/67</b> Time <b>12:15pm</b> |  |
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Facts of complaint

C. stated that he belongs to a citizens group to help the  in N.J.. He advised that on this date, while riding in his car pool, one of his passengers, whose name he would not furnish, told him that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is against him. C. wished this information to be made a matter of record in the NYO.

C. was advised that above would be made a matter of record in the NYO.

Action Recommended

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May 29, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I. Building  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir,

On several occasions I have been asked to join the John Birch Society. I would like to know if the F. B. I. has ever investigated this organization and if so what were the findings.

I would also like to know what I can do as an American to combat and understand the Communist conspiracy in this country.

As a starter I would like to subscribe to the Communist newspaper The Worker. Would this be advisable?

Any reply to this letter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours

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June 12, 1967

*my wife's name*  
[redacted]  
[redacted] 11355

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Dear [redacted]:

I have received your letter of June 6th.

In response to your inquiry, I regret I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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*Page 4*  
Although I would like to be of assistance, it has been my long-standing policy not to furnish the advice you are seeking. However, I am enclosing some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in the fight against communism. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." They were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

① - New York - Enclosure

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FBI - NEW YORK  
*[Handwritten initials]*

June 27, 1967

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East 69th Street  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that I am receiving via the U.S. mail, at my request, a weekly publication (communist) entitled "National Guardian", and am using same purely for research and educational purposes for the "John Birch Society".

This notice, therefore, is to certify that I am not affiliated with the communist party or any communist-front organization.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block]

[Redacted address block]

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201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York 10021  
June 29, 1967

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Dear [REDACTED]


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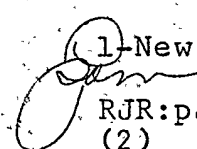
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
June 27, 1967.

For your information, the letter you forwarded to  
us is being made a matter of record.

Your interest in furnishing this information to  
us is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,


  
JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

  
(1-New York

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SAC, NEW YORK

7/17/67

SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-2114)

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On 7/5/67, Detective [REDACTED] Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut, advised SA [REDACTED] that on the evening of 7/4/67, he had occasion to be on duty at the fireworks display in the City of Hartford, Conn., at Pope Park. During this time, he had occasion to observe one [REDACTED] who was selling small replicas of American flags. When questioned concerning this activity he indicated that he was collecting for the disabled American Veterans and exhibited a Life Membership Card from the Disabled American Veterans Organization. He also had in his possession, a card indicating membership in the John Birch Society and furnished his home address as [REDACTED] New York. He also had a 1961 license issued by the Chief of Police, Hartford, Connecticut, for the sale of balloons and novelties.

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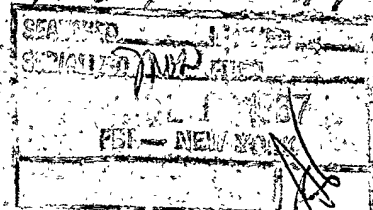
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Inasmuch as he had no current license for selling of novelties in Hartford, Conn., and no permission had been granted to any organization for the sale of such merchandise, he was ordered to leave the area and to desist from selling these articles.

The above information is being furnished to New York Office inasmuch as the subject is a resident of the New York area and no further action is being contemplated by the New Haven Division in connection with [REDACTED]

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Date

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

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☐ All References

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 7/17/67

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-2114)

SUBJECT:  *re attached*

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

*Indefinite*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you for two reasons.

First, I want to inform you that I have enrolled my name for a subscription to the Communist publication The Worker. I am not in sympathy with the publication, and, in fact, all I have to do is tell you that I am a member of The John Birch Society and you will know why I have subscribed.


Secondly, I understand that you have given some testimony regarding Stokely Carmichael. It may have been before the Senate Appropriations Committee but I'm not sure. Anyway, could you send me the testimony in question?

I also would like to know if I can receive your bulletins to law enforcement officers?

If you can do any or all of these things for me I will be most appreciative. Thank you.

I would just like to end with a word of encouragement to you. I know things seem to get blacker and blacker for good and brighter and brighter for evil. The odds people such as yourself have to fight against become more numerous each day and must make the outlook seem gloomy indeed.

But I did not intend to sound so defeatist. After all, what I just said is not too "encouraging." But the reward those of us who are fighting the forces of evil will get, will not come to us on this earth, but in another, more permanent, existence. So keep up the good work and bear in mind that there are those, however small in number we may be, who are with you 100%.

Sincerely,  


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[redacted] NYC  
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NATION OF ISLAM member, NYC

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*on a list of people invited  
to attend a reception  
sponsored by Fair Play  
for Cuba Committee for  
Cuban Prime Minister Fidel  
Castro 9/60*

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July 26, 1967

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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Dear [redacted]

I received your letter on July 21st and certainly appreciate your continuing support of my work.

With respect to your comments concerning your receipt of "The Worker," your communication will be made a matter of record in our files.

In connection with your request, the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin is published primarily for duly authorized law enforcement authorities, and I am unable to send you this publication on a regular basis. I am, however, enclosing the excerpt from my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on February 16, 1967, which contains the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

Testimony by Director re Communist Influence in Racial Matters

- ① - New York - Enclosure ✓  
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August 4, 1967

✓  
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY //

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I would like to obtain information pertaining to the John Birch Society, specifically, is it considered a subversive organization, if not, what is the attitude of the United States Government toward same. Also, is it true that one cannot receive a military security clearance of a member of the Society.

With thanks for your attention.

Very truly yours, //

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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[redacted]  
New York, New York, #10021

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August 8, 1967

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
New York, New York, #10034

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Dear [redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 4, 1967, wherein you inquire of the John Birch Society.

Although I would like to be of assistance, the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, by Executive Order, are confidential and can be used for official purposes only.

Please do not infer from this that we either do or do not possess the information you request.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director  
in Charge

1 - Addressee  
1 - NY 100-144597

Sent [redacted] *Moh*  
Index [redacted]  
Filed *Moh*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (105-79324)

FROM : SA JOEL A. SHARP (#331)

SUBJECT:   
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DATE: 8/15/67

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On 8/8/67,  Glen Cove, NY, Police Department, furnished the following information:

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During KOSYGIN's visit to the Glen Cove estate on 6/17/67, he had Auxiliary Police stationed in the vicinity of the estate to control the expected crowds, and also at the gate to the estate to make sure no un-

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authorized persons gained access to the estate. The auxiliaries were instructed that whenever possible they were to obtain the name of the driver, some identification, license of car, occupation and time of entry into the estate. In all instances complete information was not obtained; however, [ ] has compiled the list set forth below of these persons. Where the time is marked p.m., this refers to the night prior to KOSYGIN's visit; where marked a.m., to the day of the visit; where no time shown, the visit was undoubtedly made on the day of his visit. The numbers listed with the names were taken from the UN pass or USSR employee's card exhibited.

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10:30 p.m.

[ ]

Driver of black Ford, DPL 623

accompanied by

[ ]

(At 12:40, [ ] left the gate open)

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11:35 p.m.

[ ]  
[ ]  
[ ] Tan Buick Special,  
Lic. [ ]

[ ] In order to gain entrance to the estate,  
was vouched for by:

[ ]  
[ ]  
ESA/BTAO/F&T Branch

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According to [redacted] was a big fellow who appeared to run the show around the gate.

11:40 p.m.

[redacted]  
[redacted] 1967 black Ford,  
[redacted] (left at 12:30 a.m.)

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2:30 a.m.

[redacted]  
OCS/Russian Translation Section,  
[redacted]

with

[redacted]  
OCS/Russian Translation Section,  
[redacted] in 1961 Ford, license  
[redacted]

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2:30 a.m.

The three listed below in tan Dodge, 1964 or 1965, license

[redacted]

[redacted]

OCS/LMS

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OCS/LMS

[redacted]

[redacted]

OCS/LMS

[redacted]

2:30 a.m.

[redacted]  
[redacted] in 1966 Chevrolet  
Impala, dark blue, Lic. [redacted]  
(left at 3:31 a.m.)

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No times were listed for the following:

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arrived in  
black Chevrolet, Lic. [redacted] apparently  
in company with

[redacted]

[redacted]

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License [redacted]

[redacted]

Buick License [redacted] )

[redacted]

(arrived 6:00 a.m.)

1964 black Chevrolet, [redacted]

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Oldsmobile [redacted]

In addition to the above, [redacted]  
License [redacted] (?), exhibiting identification reflecting  
him to be [redacted] 550 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY, 10036,  
attempted to gain access to the estate in order to present  
KOSYGIN with some kind of "Ban the Bomb" literature, but  
was not allowed in. [redacted] attempted to obtain some  
of the literature [redacted] wished to present to KOSYGIN, but  
was unable to do so.

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Also, on the day of KOSYGIN's visit, [redacted]  
[redacted] Glen Cove, was in charge of a  
John Birch Society booth which was set up in Glen Cove for  
the purpose of passing out literature.

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Concerning [redacted] mentioned above,  
[redacted] stated he conversed with [redacted] at the gate  
into the estate. It was determined [redacted] resides at the  
estate with his wife, [redacted], and son, [redacted]. He is supposed  
to be a graduate of the University of Moscow in Agriculture or  
Horticulture, and takes care of the estate grounds. [redacted]  
remarked that he goes fishing off the breakwater at Morgan's  
Park in Glen Cove, and takes his son fishing there. [redacted]  
speaks English brokenly, and is apparently friendly. He is  
young and a "college football player" type.

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Other Soviet cars were in and out of the estate  
under conditions making it impossible to obtain identification  
for the driver or occupant.

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by Informant \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report

8/16/67

Date(s) of activity

8/16/67

Brief description of activity or material

YAWF demonstration against Moral

Rearmament Movement Concert on 8/16/67

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Remarks: No further action necessary

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Moral Rearmament Movement  
425 West 25th St.

August 16, 1967

An "Up With People" concert was held today at approximately eight o'clock. There were about two hundred persons present. During the concert a small demonstration was held by three members of YAWF and a number of neighborhood people to protest the present of the up with people singers which is part of the Moral Rearmament Movement, which is alleged to be a front of John Birch Society. The YAWF participants were: LES BAUM, ALEX CHERNOWITZ and ROLAND HAYES. Other persons were residence of the area of 17th Street to Twenty Sixth Street. Their names unknown. All in all, there were about twelve persons demonstrating.

There were no signs, only chants. When the Up With People singers began with patriotic songs, the demonstrators began to chant "What About Newark and Vietnam?" This chanting went on for about an hour and a half among much heckling and jeering. The demonstration ended at approximately nine thirty p.m.

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material  
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-41324)  
FROM : SA [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT-CIRM  
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Received by

SA [REDACTED]

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Authenticated by Informant 11/2/67

Date of Report

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Date(s) of activity

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10/14 and 15/67

Brief description of activity or material

CONFERENCE ON THE NEW STAGE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR  
NEGRO RIGHTS SPONSORED BY NATIONAL CP NEGRO  
COMMISSION, 10/14 and 15/67, NEW YORK CITY

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A [REDACTED]

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Remarks:

CARE SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISING THE SOURCE.

On 11/2/67 [REDACTED] was exhibited a photo of [REDACTED]  
of Detroit and the source advised that [REDACTED] is identical to the  
[REDACTED] (LNU) whom he described as white, heavy set and in middle 40's,  
therefore, a copy of this memo is being channelized to the Detroit  
file, 100-19740, for [REDACTED]

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO. Will attempt to identify [REDACTED] (LNU) and  
[REDACTED] and make available to Chicago photographs of same for exhibiting  
to [REDACTED]. According to the source, these two individuals attended the  
Conference in New York City on 10/14-15/67.

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49 - NEW YORK (RM)

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(CP, USA, CIRM)  
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(CP, USA, EDUCATION)  
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(NCNP)  
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1 - (WEB DU BOIS CLUB)  
1 - (CP, USA, MISC. INDUSTRIAL)  
1 - (CP, USA, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
1 - (MALCOLM X)  
1 - (CORE)  
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1 - (CP, USA, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

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2 - ST. LOUIS (INFO) (RM)  
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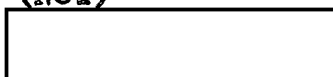
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| 1 - 100-7441  | (COMINFIL-UAW)                                 |
| 1 - 100-17977 | (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT-POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)   |
| 1 - 100-19431 | (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)   |
| 1 - 100-31398 | (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT-MISC. INDUSTRIAL)       |
| 1 - 100-18954 | (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES) |
| 1 - 105-16238 | (SCLC)   |

Chicago, Illinois  
October 16, 1967

On October 14 and 15, 1967, the National Communist Party (CP), USA Negro Commission sponsored a conference captioned "A Conference on the New Stage in the Struggle for Negro Rights." This conference was held in the Imperial Room of the Hotel Victoria Abbey, 51st Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, and was listed on the hotel bulletin board under the name of "Social Workers Seminar."

Sessions on October 14, 1967

It is estimated that at the beginning of the morning sessions on October 14, 1967, approximately 68 people were in attendance, while later in the day HELEN WINTER was overheard stating that 78 people were registered for the conference.

Of those recognized in attendance were the following:

From New York:

GUS HALL  
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT  
HY LUMER  
HELEN WINTER  
CARL WINTER

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WILL WEINSTONE  
GIL GREEN  
JIM JACKSON  
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IRVING POTASH



TED BASSETT

JOE BRANDT

ARNOLD JOHNSON (not present first day)

CAROLYN BLACK (not present first day)



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From Chicago:

JACK KLING



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From California:

DOROTHY HEALEY

ROSCOE PROCTOR

KENDRA ALEXANDER

BILL TAYLOR



JOHN PITTMAN

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From Detroit:

TOMMY DENNIS



(Last Name Unknown) - white, heavyset,  
middle 40s.

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From Ohio:



(Last Name Unknown) - from Cleveland, Negro  
female, very light-skinned,  
5'6", 130 lbs., approximately  
50 years of age.



(Last Name Unknown) - from Cleveland, white, late  
30s, 170 lbs., 5'9".

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From State of Washington:

[Redacted]

From Oregon:

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From Baltimore, Maryland:

[Redacted]

GEORGE MEYERS

From Boston:

[Redacted]

From Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

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From Washington, D.C.:

[Redacted]

From St. Louis, Missouri:

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From Texas:

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From Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

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[redacted] called the meeting to order and gave a few words of welcome. [redacted] then nominated [redacted] from Chicago as chairman for the morning sessions. GUS HALL seconded this motion and [redacted] was so elected.

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[redacted] the morning sessions, then introduced BILL TAYLOR of California, who discussed the agenda.

[redacted] then introduced CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, who made the report for the National Board of the CP, USA.

LIGHTFOOT's report was 54 pages long and took two hours to deliver.

In his report LIGHTFOOT said that part of his report was made up from an article which had recently appeared in "Political Affairs," written by ROSCOE PROCTOR. He stated that there is a question facing everyone, namely the fact that we face a war <sup>or 100</sup> in peace. Black nationalism is growing to the extent that it has reached an explosive nature, for in the next 13 to 15 years things will get worse. Black nationalism will grow. There were 160 outbreaks in 120 cities in 1967. There is an increase in the crime rate in the cities and the FBI states there is a 17 per cent increase of crime throughout the nation. Racism has been used in this country to divide, deny, and create prejudices. [redacted] came up into the North to organize

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the backlash and spread disunity among the working class. The betrayal of the Negro people by the liberals and the labor movement is still a major issue. The building trade unions still discriminate and they are the greatest scabs. Racism in this country is the greatest builder of black nationalism. The Negro people are trying to deal from a position of strength. The main pitch is not against "whitey," but against the political structure. Unity of black and white can be accomplished but only on an equal base.. The position of the CP, USA, is that we draw a line between nationalism and black nationalism. What is progressive? What is reactionary? We reject black nationalism and prefer building a coalition of black and white.  STOKELY CARMICHAEL are impressed b6  
b7C by the guerilla movement in Viet Nam but what they don't recognize is that the movement in Viet Nam is supported by the people and that is not true in America. A guerilla attack in this country would be the same as committing suicide.

LIGHTFOOT said that those who counsel black people to take up arms are misleaders. There may come a time when arms would be necessary, but the Party will not lead the black people to slaughter. The reforms in this country have helped the few, but not the many. Capitalism must be eliminated for complete Negro freedom.

LIGHTFOOT then reviewed the CP work in the Negro field covering the past nine years. He said that the Negro ghetto must be destroyed, but the Negro community must remain for Negro power in order to secure political gains. There has been considerable growth of conservatism in the ranks of the CP. The independent role of our Party has been weakened. We have lost the art of taking the initiative in the civil rights struggles and the labor movement. Some of us are imitating MALCOLM X and do not assume the responsibility of communists. Negro-white unity must go forward in a new mold. The Party must be an effective force as communists and we must take the initiative in developing class consciousness in the field of civil rights. By working with the black working class unity between Congress Of Racial Equality (CORE), Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) must be achieved. If we don't, there will be no end. Black and white communists must make their presence felt in every community in our country. White chauvinism is still in evidence in our Party and this must be eradicated.

In his closing remarks LIGHTFOOT stated that where we are talking of building the Party, projecting a program, and looking forward to a bumper crop, we have but only planted a few seeds and we hardly till the soil. <sup>(CP)</sup> ALL. <sup>(CP)</sup>

After LIGHTFOOT completed his report the conference agreed to limit each speaker in their remarks concerning CLAUDE's report to ten minutes; however, giving extended time to given speakers.

At this point HELEN WINTER announced that students from the school which the CP is currently sponsoring are present and should feel free to participate in the discussions.

Remarks by [ ] of Detroit

[ ] stated that the first man killed in the 1967 summer riots in Detroit was a white man. White families in the suburbs took in homeless Negro families. The climate has changed in the United States for Negroes to work with white people. One of the United Auto Worker (UAW) locals had trucks distribute food and clothing to the needy during the time of the riot.

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Remarks by [ ] of Cleveland

[ ] spoke of the mayoral candidate STOKES' election campaign and pointed out that the Party in Cleveland had influenced the labor movement in Cleveland to endorse STOKES.

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Prior to lunch at 1:30 p.m., [ ] and [ ]  
[ ] as well as a few other people made remarks.

Before lunch [ ] announced that those who require housing are asked to see [ ]

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Also before lunch [ ] asked to make a proposal that this conference go on record to write a "Manifesto on the Negro Question" with four or five people designated to write the manifesto. Of the five people suggested by [ ] only the names [ ] and [ ] were recalled. The proposal was carried and accepted by the conference.

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It was noted that during the lunch period most of the people left the Imperial Room to go to lunch; however, it was observed that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, [ ] HELEN WINTER, [ ] and [ ] had lunch at the table located on the podium. During lunch HELEN WINTER was overheard telling [ ] [ ] that GUS HALL wants to speak to the conference group in the afternoon but did not want to be the first speaker.

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This lunch group was overheard discussing portions of LIGHTFOOT's speech and the general feeling was that it was a good speech.

Afternoon Sessions,  
2:30 p.m.,  
October 14, 1967

At this point [ ] from New York, was elected [ ] for the afternoon sessions.

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Prior to GUS HALL speaking, remarks concerning LIGHTFOOT's speech were made by four speakers.

GUS HALL spoke about 20 minutes and based his speech on CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT's report. HALL said that the Negro problems stem from Tokenism. What are the currents in the trends? We must know what direction to take and what forms these directions must take. We must also determine our alliances and class forces, then we must help to define these forces. Our greatest task is to win large masses of Northern whites to fight in the struggle for Negro freedom. We don't have many white experts in this field and very little literature in this phase of our work. The white working class communities must become a part of the struggle for Negro freedom. We must convince the peace forces that they can win if they help win the Negro freedom and to fight for Negro freedom will not lead to isolation as some seem to think.

Remarks by [redacted]  
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[redacted] stated that he felt the report by LIGHTFOOT for the National Board was an accurate estimate of the Negro question today, but he would like to speak from the only community in the country which has had three rumbles in one year. He said that Maywood, Illinois, is a community of 30,000 people of whom approximately one-third are Negro. Time will not permit to give every detail, but he said he would like to give the highlights of the rebellion which took place in Maywood this year. [redacted] dealt with the grade school boycotts which demanded quality education, the violence which took place in June, demanding more recreational facilities for the youth, which violence resulted in the youth smashing windows in the village. He told of the Cook County Sheriff calling out his troops at a City Council meeting and the rejection of the youth to the appointment of a person who the youth felt was not reliable to serve as chairman of a committee to assist the youth in their demands, and of the youth wanting the right to so serve on the commission instead. [redacted] also spoke of the violence in the local high school, the blockade of the black community in Maywood, and of the violence which flared for three nights in Maywood. He spoke of police brutality and the absence of black law enforcement on the scene. He said that 166 blacks were arrested with

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only a few whites arrested and that high bond was required to free the Negroes. He reported that during the height of negotiations between the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and school administration a white minister and he led a march demanding justice and equality, and that thereafter an agreement was reached. In connection with the high school situation he also spoke of the call by the Human Relations Council demanding a full and formal investigation of conditions existing in Maywood. He also stated that where Maywood is not a deprived black ghetto as such the events, however, demonstrate that the young people in the black community will no longer tolerate tokenism but are willing to die in the streets for freedom if necessary.

Remarks by [redacted]  
of Detroit

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[redacted] stated that in Detroit a lot of young Negroes are talking about revolution and we must show them how to change things and who the real enemy really is.

Remarks by [redacted]  
of California

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[redacted] suggested that everyone here at the conference send telegrams to President JOHNSON and the Attorney General protesting the methods of how the trials for the slayers of the three civil rights workers in Mississippi are being conducted. He said that this is nothing but a white wash and a mockery.

Remarks by TOMMY DENNIS  
of Detroit

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DENNIS said there is a move among the Detroit teachers, which developed during their teachers strike, toward class consciousness, and these teachers are talking about a revolution. These teachers are white as well as black. We must recognize that anybody who is talking about revolution does not mean it and a lot of them do not know what they are talking about. There has been a black caucus formed in the Detroit teachers union and they are taking up other questions concerning black people.

DENNIS said that the working class in the Detroit suburbs must learn to stand up to fight in what they believe. We need no conservatism in our Party and the Negroes will not isolate themselves from the whites if the whites fight for Negro rights.

Remarks by   
of Chicago

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In her remarks  immediately attacked LIGHTFOOT's report, stating that LIGHTFOOT spoke for two hours and never once mentioned Negro women. They are the most oppressed people in the whole nation and not only should special efforts be made to recruit black women but to orientate them and give them an opportunity to build the Party. There are ten students attending our school (CP leadership school in New York) - four males and six women, with only one black woman.

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Remarks by [redacted]  
of California

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[redacted] said that she just attended a meeting of the National CP Board in New York. She said there they gave credit to the communists for the success and achievements at the recent National Conference for New Politics (NCNP) convention held in Chicago. She called for the establishment of a Marxist school and to get Negroes to go full time to work for the Party in the black communities. The Party should establish regional seminars and open up some CP meetings to the public where the CP has already tried this in Los Angeles.

Remarks by JIM JACKSON  
of New York

JACKSON said that you don't build a two-story house by tearing down the first floor. We must remember that Marxism-Leninism is a science and we must use it to win the victories. The Negro question is not only a national question but a many-sided question.

Remarks by HY LUMER  
of New York

LUMER stated that no one is saying that the working class is being exploited in this country. We are only talking of Negroes being exploited. The workers in the South make less than half in wages compared to what the workers make in the North. The run-away shops from the North can attest to this. All workers are being exploited by monopoly capitalism. I agree with LIGHTFOOT about nationalism and reactionary nationalism.

We as communists are internationalists and should fight against racism in this country.

Remarks by   
of Washington, D.C.

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The black people believe that the main question facing them at this point is a question of survival. Some people are coming to socialism by themselves and I wonder how many would come if we would help them. The black people are finding black nationalism, Maoism, and everything else active in the black communities, and the Party should see that they also find communism.

Remarks by CARL WINTER  
of New York

WINTER said that he just came from "The Worker" office and we have a report that on Monday AM (October 16, 1967), Senator DIRKSEN of Illinois will introduce a bill that would revive the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB). The number of this bill is Senate Bill Number 2171, and he urged that each comrade present should wire their senator to vote "no" on this bill and demand public hearings concerning the proposal by Senator DIRKSEN.

Supper Hour

After supper the following panels were held at the Park Sheraton Hotel, 55th and 7th Avenues, New York City:

- 1) Struggle on Economic Problems -  
[redacted] (Last Name Unknown)
- 2) Struggle on the Political Front -  
[redacted]
- 3) Work in the White Community -  
GIL GREEN
- 4) Techniques and Methods of Struggle -  
ROSCOE PROCTOR
- 5) The Negro and Culture -  
[redacted]
- 6) Afro-American Women -  
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The panel entitled "Techniques and Methods of Struggle," led by ROSCOE PROCTOR, had [redacted] serving as secretary. Four points were discussed at this panel, namely:

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- A) What is our attitude toward organizing around uprisings in the ghetto?
- B) How do we view the struggle for peaceful gains and revolutionary reforms?
- C) How do we go about changing the direction toward socialism?
- D) What are the variety of forms which must be used interchangeably?

ROSCOE PROCTOR stated that it is said that liberation comes from the barrel of a gun. There are 500 black people in Northern California talking along these lines. They are talking about armed guerilla warfare and terrorist action against Uncle Toms in the ghetto, but all these ideas must be rejected. However, in the area of self-defense we can support this idea because it is so defined in the words of the Constitution in regard to self-defense.

What is the real purpose of violence? It stems from the fact that violence is the only thing which the power structure will recognize and it then causes them to sit down and discuss the issues.

Remarks by [redacted]

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[redacted] questioned those who would resort to arms because it would bring about the slaughter of thousands of black people, and if the issue is raised of using legal process to win gains, the NAACP has already been doing this since 1909. Apparently this process is too slow and ineffective. What are the possibilities of the black community winning gains through the electoral machinery?

Remarks by [redacted]

[redacted] stated that every furniture store in Detroit in one area during the riots this summer was burned including TV shops. This is where the people were highly exploited by the shop owners and this is one way to even the score. All the snipers caught in Detroit were white, who went into white buildings in the Negro community shooting at the cops and firemen. They were not Negroes.

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Remarks by [redacted]

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[redacted] said we must blame the violence in our cities on the ruling class since they perpetuate a condition which brings on violence. We continue to criticize black militants for

over emphasizing violence, but we are not providing a program for them in other directions. We should oppose all gun laws. We want to disarm the enemy of the people, not the people.

Remarks by KENDRA ALEXANDER

ALEXANDER said we should support the idea for black people to arm and defend themselves because the white power structure is not protecting the black people.

At this point ROSCOE PROCTOR raised the question of public ownership of utilities in order to provide money for education.

In the discussion the question was raised about black co-ops in black communities, and of public ownership, also means of production as a means of eliminating the profits and as a means of bringing about socialism.

In this panel those recognized were:

ROSCOE PROCTOR  
HERB WRIGHT

[REDACTED]  
KENDRA ALEXANDER  
[REDACTED]

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Sessions on Sunday,  
October 15, 1967

The conference group on this date returned to the Victoria Abbey Hotel to continue their conference.

These sessions commenced at 9:30 a.m., and [ ]  
[ ] of New York was elected chairman for the morning sessions.

HENRY WINSTON opened the sessions stating that on this date two years ago BOB THOMPSON had died. He pointed out that THOMPSON was a real soldier of the working class; that he had fought in Spain for the Spanish Republic, was wounded, and after recovering from his wounds again returned to Spain to fight; and that upon completion of this mission returned to the United States to continue his struggles for socialism. b6 b7C

Remarks by [ ]

[ ] said that the Black Muslims are a nationalist movement and are a negative movement, yet we support the position of MUHAMMAD ALI on the draft. One of our weaknesses is the lack of a working class outlook in the ghetto. There should be ideological struggle taking place now. The Party should be conducting an ideological thrust at this time in the ghetto. What are our differences with RAP BROWN? Everyone is talking about revolution, but what are they really talking about? b6 b7C

We should develop an active core to organize the unorganized service workers and bring them into the mainstream of the labor movement.

Remarks by JOHN PITTMAN  
from California.

PITTMAN said that today we stand on the brink of greater movements toward socialism all over the world.

Remarks by KENDRA ALEXANDER

ALEXANDER stated that many black people claim that they are part of the Third World which is comprised of Asia, Africa, and South America. This is freely discussed among black nationalists in Los Angeles. Black communists are asked to do all kinds of work in the community which whites are not asked to do. The black people are leaving the Party because a lot of black people see no need of white association.

Remarks by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the lack of confidence in the black community by white people in the struggle on the part of the black people, since the main struggle is to curb the power of monopoly in this country, is that whites should support this concept if only for self interest.

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Remarks by [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the capitalist press and news media gives much space and attention to what [redacted] and STOKELY CARMICHAEL say but very little to what has been said by the Ku Klux Klan, Birchites, and White Citizens Councils. The Birchites are concentrating on the white working class communities concerning the tax question. They are preaching that taxes are bad and we should also utilize our resources to work up issues which we think are good and would help unite the black and white communities.

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At this point [redacted] spoke briefly concerning the 50th anniversary of the Soviet Union.

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Lunch Period

After lunch the PM sessions were called to order and TOMMY DENNIS of Detroit was elected chairman for the afternoon sessions.

At this time [redacted] then read a statement prepared by [redacted] which statement dealt with the Negro problem in Philadelphia.

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Reports Based on Panels Held  
Saturday Evening, October 14, 1967

Report from Panel Number 6  
"Afro-American Women" by  
ALVA BUXENBAUM



In her report [ ] dealt mainly with the need for participation by black women in the Party not to only do the dirty work but to help formulate the program and line of the Party. She said there is a tendency in the Party to downgrade black women and not give them the same courtesy and equality given white women. Black women should be given credit for their roles given in struggles taking place all around the country. She suggested that the Party should work toward establishing child care centers and make other arrangements in order to give the black women more freedom, thus allowing them to participate in the struggles in the ghettos.

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Report from Panel Number 5  
"The Negro and Culture" by  
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[ ] stated that only one other person besides himself gathered for this panel, whereupon both of them decided to join with the panel on "Afro-American Women." [ ] stated that at Panel Number 6 he gave his report based upon the advances made by Negro artists, entertainers, TV and radio show figures, etc, within the United States.

Report on Panel Number 3  
"Work in the White Community"  
by [ ]

[ ] stated that the Party should publish a pamphlet on Racism, taxes and housing, which should be distributed in the white communities. We should work to make

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the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party a challenge at the Democratic Party convention in 1968. We should take the lead in organizing the unorganized and by so doing help develop black and white unity, which will also help expose white chauvinism. The Party should organize a financial campaign to support the [ ] case and expose the real reasons why a system like this creates a [ ]

Report on Panel Number 4  
"Techniques and Methods of Struggle"  
by ROSCOE PROCTOR

PROCTOR stated that the Party must be on the scene and have a program for the struggle which takes place in the black community. We must advocate ownership in the black community. Our Party must take leadership in organizing black congresses in the Negro areas to unite black organizations around programs of action to win the rights for black people, such as boycotts, electoral activity, education, and housing. We also must expand on issues for national holidays for black heroes such as W.E.B. DU BOIS, BEN DAVIS, and PETTIS PERRY.

The conference moved and seconded that the Party write a Manifesto on the Negro Question to oppose the survival of the SACB and that the conference also direct a telegram to the widow of [ ] on the second anniversary of his death.

### Sidelights and Observations

Although WILLIAM PATTERSON was not observed at this conference it was, however, learned that reportedly he is ill.

It was further learned during the course of the conference that GEORGE MEYERS commented that the National CP Trade Union Commission meeting originally scheduled for some time in November, 1967, has been postponed until some time in early 1968.

GEORGE MEYERS was further overheard asking if [redacted] of Chicago could be ready within the next few days to travel to the Soviet Union as a delegate for the CP Trade Union group from the United States, where he would remain in the Soviet Union for three weeks. [redacted] was overheard telling MEYERS that it would be impossible for him at this time to take three weeks off from his employment, and secondly because of the short notice given to him.

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It was noted that during the course of the conference there was nothing stated concerning the possibility of the CP again publishing a daily Party paper.

It is also noted that during the course of the conference there was no direct reference made to the NCNP convention recently held in Chicago, possibly for the reason

that for the CP to carry out their commitments made at the NCNP convention, particularly of building grass-roots organizations in the working class communities and of conducting independent political action, would mean for the Party at this time to go to work, and it appears basically that no one in the Party at this time particularly cares to go to work.

During the course of various discussions and remarks also made at the conference it was learned that there are ten people attending the current CP leadership school being held in New York, and that there are yet five weeks remaining before the school terminates. It was further learned that [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] are four of the ten people currently attending this school.

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# Voice on the Phone Calls RFK a Traitor

WASHINGTON (AP)—If you dial a certain number on the Washington telephone exchange, you can hear an anonymous, crisp voice, speaking for the John Birch Society, accuse Sen. Robert F. Kennedy of treason.

The recorded voice assails Kennedy as the backer of "liberal and revolutionary . . . Chinese-oriented Negro groups," the employer of the Rev. Martin Luther King and the financial angel of the Congress of Racial Equality [CORE]. The voice suggests CORE is dedicated to "killing white people to accomplish its objectives."

Without any reference to time or place the voice says Kennedy, a critic of President Johnson's Vietnam war policies, once vowed he would be "willing to give his blood to our Communist enemies in Vietnam."

## 'Treason,' It Says

"If this isn't treason, how do you define it?" the seuphchral voice asks.

Kennedy was not immediately available for comment. His press secretary, Frank Mankiewicz, said there was nothing in the broadcast that "even approaches the truth."

"It is so false as to be comical," Mankiewicz said. He added that another recorded telephone talk last week had dealt in similar "untruths" about Kennedy. Mankiewicz said he wondered how the telephone company could permit this to go on.

he, Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., said no company officials were available for comment.

The recording identified its sponsor as "Let Freedom Ring" of Fairfax County, Va., across the Potomac River from Washington. It urged callers to send 35 cents to a Sarasota, Fla., post office box for "Facts on Bobby Kennedy" if they want to learn more about the New York Senator's actions.

The recorded voice also advertised a Nov. 30 showing of a film on the life of John Birch, an American killed by the Chinese at the end of World War II. The film is to be shown Nov. 30 at a public library in McLean, Va., the same Washington suburb Kennedy lives in. It said the showing will be sponsored by local John Birch Society chapters.

The John Birch Society, a militantly conservative organization headed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., has called for impeachment of Chief Justice Warren. Welch once labeled former President Eisenhower a "dupe" for the Communists.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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New York Post  
New York, N.Y.

Date: 11/24/67  
Edition: Late City  
Author:  
Editor:  
Title:

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Classification:

Submitting Office: 100-144597

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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☒ See below

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| Subject's name and aliases<br>1. <u>THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY</u><br>2. <u>[REDACTED]</u> |  | Address of subject<br><u>[REDACTED]</u>                                 |        | Character of case<br>b6<br>b7C  |            |
| Complainant<br><u>[REDACTED]</u>   |  | Complainant's address and telephone number<br><u>[REDACTED]</u>         |        | Complaint received<br><input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic<br>Date <u>11/25/67</u> Time <u>10:30p.m.</u><br>b6<br>b7C |            |
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|  | Age  |   | Weight | Eyes  | Complexion |
|  | Scars, marks or other data<br><u>[REDACTED]</u><br>47-10048<br>add |   |        |   |            |
| Birth date and Birthplace<br><u>[REDACTED]</u><br>b6<br>b7C                            |  |   |        |   |            |

Facts of complaint

Complainant, [REDACTED] Roslyn High School, LI advised that in order to obtain information for a report for school he attempted to join the John Birch Society (JBS) about two weeks ago. Complainant said that he contacted [REDACTED] at the American Reading Room, Forest Ave., Glen Cove, LI which the complainant called a front for the JBS. Following the meeting he attended a closed meeting of the JBS which was ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ held in policeman's house somewhere in LI.

Complainant also advised that prior to his meeting with [REDACTED] he gave a letter to Congressman WOLFE of Glen Cove, LI in which he advised the congressman that he was going to attempt to penetrate the JBS for the ~~XXXXX~~ purpose of getting a story for his school project.

Complainant also advised that his second purpose of joining the JBS was to get material for an article which he hoped to have published in "Newsday" newspaper. He said that he had already contacted ~~xxx~~ the newspaper regarding the article which he hopes to have published.

Complainant advised that he met [REDACTED] this date at which time [REDACTED] advised him that he was not going to be admitted to the JBS. [REDACTED] said that the reason [REDACTED] was not going to be admitted because they had learned of [REDACTED] reasons for attempting to join the JBS. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] TOLD him that the JBS could make it rough for him if he published anything about the JBS. [REDACTED] stated so that ~~xxx~~ he did not believe [REDACTED] was making a threat to do bodily harm to him.

[REDACTED] was advised the above would be made a matter of record.

Action Recommended

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

DATE: 2-27-68

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 43

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS)  
INFO CONCERNING

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On 2-26-68, Lieutenant [REDACTED] Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD (BSS, NYCPD) contacted the writer and requested that he be furnished with a list of illegal JBS members which list was furnished to NYO by Detective [REDACTED] BSS, NYCPD several years ago. Lieutenant [REDACTED] advised that he had misplaced the original information furnished to NYO by Detective [REDACTED]

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On 2-26-68, instant file was reviewed by the writer and the names listed on serial 157 of instant file were furnished to Lieutenant [REDACTED]. It is noted that this list of names was originally furnished to NYO by Detective [REDACTED] on 2-28-64.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC New York 100-144597

DATE: 3-7-68

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

INFO CONCERNING

Re memo of SA [redacted]

[redacted] was contacted at telephone [redacted].  
[redacted] resides somewhere in [redacted].  
He stated that [redacted] is a white male, about 5'10", in his early 30s.  
He works as a writer or editor for an electrical trade journal, not further identified.  
[redacted] met subject at a party given by a friend. He has not seen him recently. He was talking to an airline stewardess who attended a party at [redacted] apartment several weeks ago. The stewardess related that [redacted] had complained that he was frequently out of the house during the early morning hours. Nothing further was related to [redacted]. He related the information to the FBI, because [redacted] allegedly stated "We'll get you," to [redacted]. [redacted] does not know if [redacted] belongs to any political organizations, or groups advocating violence. NY indices neg. re subject. Telephone directories can have no listing for [redacted].

No further action recommended





Approved

100-145622-314

[redacted]  
New York City  
10022

6 March 1968

[redacted]  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East 69th Street  
New York City

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Dear [redacted]

Last time I conversed with you, I told you I'd let you know if anything interesting turned up of relevance to your line of work.

One night in February 1967. I attended a party that went way on towards daybreak. The place: [redacted] A fellow by the name of [redacted] was there, whose ideology is one of extreme violence. He believes that anyone who doesn't go along with the Communist Party should have his means of communication removed -- hands cut off, tongue taken out, eyes removed, etcetera. He's an English import, an electrical engineer, working on publication of a technical magazine. He's listed with the telephone company in Elmhurst. And the reason I am contacting you at this time is: I was just contacted by a girl who attended a recent gathering at his place, on which occasion [redacted] wife told this girl that her husband goes out at all hours of the night -- she doesn't know where. And I'm just wondering whether he's laying out the city's electrical power system, in preparation for this summer's Fun-City pyrotechnics.

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This is the only action-possibility I've come across.

There's an [redacted] -- who used to attend my parties. Now that he knows I'm engaged in "the Work", he's become hostile towards me, as demonstrated on one occasion last year when, having had a few drinks, he warned "We'll get you!". I believe he's another engineer -- lives over on the West Side. He used to be listed in the Manhattan directory, but his name isn't in this current issue. He has a summer place in [redacted] far as I know.

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Of the two, the slight information I have points out [redacted] to have more concrete possibilities.

I've taken the first small steps towards the establishment of a defense association for my block, by contacting an anti-communist whom I know of, living at [redacted] I'm laying out this immediate area on paper, at the moment, so we can at least make a start by furnishing the streets with a battery of flashlights, in case of a power failure. The Illustrious Opposition is organizing New York on a block-association basis. I attended an anti-vietnam-war meeting up on East 79th Street, presided over by a Leftist from the Tenth Street Association.

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If you're interested in any further details, [redacted] call me.

Yours most sincerely, [redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC new york 100-144597

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: John Birch Society

DATE: 3/9/68

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attached herewith is a letter from [redacted]  
[redacted] new york City. Mr. [redacted] was previously [redacted]  
with American Home Products but is now a full time organizer  
for the John Birch Society.

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Indices of the NYO reflect no information identifiable with

[redacted] mentioned in attached letter.

Indices (100-0-147739) reflect an anonymous letter apparently  
written about March 1967 concerning [redacted] according  
to this letter [redacted] threatened two anti-communist individuals  
with "WE'LL GET YOU" and it appears this anonymous letter was  
written by [redacted]

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no action recommended.

*[Handwritten signature]*



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FBI-COLUMBIA

9 48PM URGENT 7-1-68 WTA  
TO ATLANTA AND NEW YORK  
FROM COLUMBIA (100-NEW)

NO REFS  
[REDACTED] JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

ON JULY ONE INSTANT [REDACTED]

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA, ADVISED HE WAS  
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED TODAY BY [REDACTED] GEORGIA JOHN,  
BIRCH SOCIETY COORDINATOR, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GEORGIA. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] HE WAS  
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED TODAY BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WHO ADVISED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ATLANTA, GEORGIA AND FATHER  
COLONEL WYNNE, WERE APPROACHED BY SUBJECT, DATE UNKNOWN, WHO  
SOLICITED THEIR SUPPORT IN MURDERING GUS HALL. [REDACTED]  
AND FATHER ALLEGEDLY DENIED SUPPORT BUT REFUSED TO REPORT THREAT  
TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

[REDACTED] IS JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY CHAPTER LEADER, ATLANTA,  
BUT COLONEL WYNNE AND SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED] SUBJECT RESIDES  
[REDACTED] GEORGIA.

END PAGE ONE

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100 100 dead

CAPT. GENEVIEVE PH.  
ad 7/2/68  
AP

Det. BSS-MCDD  
ad. 7/2/68, 11:20  
AP 46

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ATLANTA ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND IF THREAT APPEARS S  
SIGNIFICANT ADVISE BUREAU.

NEW YORK ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

SAVANNAH ADVISED AIRMAIL COPY.

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FBI NEW YORK

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7/25/68

Received from (name or symbol number)

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Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)



in person



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Authenticated  
by Informant

Date of Report

7/25/68

Date(s) of activity

Brief description of activity or material

Info re NRP membership.

Current

File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

Case agents being advised. No further action  
required.

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- 1 - [redacted] (INV) (CI)  
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1 - 105-6112 (NRP) (46)

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It was learned that [redacted]  
[redacted], Brooklyn, N.Y., telephone number [redacted] has  
applied for membership in the new chapter of the N.R.P.  
on Staten Island. [redacted] also has stated that he can  
bring in six more members, one a policeman, and all are  
now or have been in the past, members of the John Birch  
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[redacted] and his wife are members of the Anti-Poverty  
Program in Bay Ridge, and both took part in the Columbia  
University anti-demonstration riots.

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SIS (105-61748)

2/6/69

SA [redacted] (341)

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Re NY let of 12/31/68, captioned as above.

Referenced letter relates to a visit to the SHUN by [redacted] OSI, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and the contact informant had with captioned subject. Identity of source should be protected.

Informant advised on 2/5/69 that he has had had no further contact with [redacted] since he last saw him on 11/23/68. [redacted] said he did not plan to recontact [redacted] regarding a speaker for [redacted] at C.U. Post college since his Russian instructor informed that they have been stood up by Soviets in the past regarding speaking engagements.

SIS ACTIVITY AT C... POST COLLEGE

[redacted] advised the writer on 2/5/69, that he had heard from a fellow student, unnamed, that a Philosophy teacher, PHU [redacted] (PA) is possibly connected with the SIS activities at this college. [redacted] advised that this instructor holds classes on "Revolution" in his home. Informant received this information from a fellow classmate who also mentioned that [redacted] (PA) only invites the "radical" members of his Philosophy class to these meetings.

[redacted] further advised that he heard that the SIS chapter at this college holds its meetings every Thursday in the Humanities building.

[redacted] stated that he has the "feeling that something is brewing with [redacted] the SIS at Post" since he recently learned that there were two strangers on campus who do not appear to be students and these individuals may have been connected with the distribution of some pamphlets that pertain to a "mass protest" that is apparently being planned against universities that have contact with companies who produce chemical warfare materials.

- (5) SHN  
1-100-148047 (SIS)  
1-100-163904 (UCRA) (RM)  
1-100-148577 (John Birch Society)  
1- [redacted] (Inv)

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JOHN BIRCH & SOCIETY

[redacted] advised that an unknown student [redacted] has invited him to attend one of the Wednesday night meetings that are held in the basement of HENRIH JOHN'S TAP ROOM located on Sequence Avenue (28), Sea Cliff, L.I. Informant did not accept or decline this invitation at the time it was extended.

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[redacted] was not requested to attend one of these meetings; however, in the event he should go to one of the meetings in the future he will be alert for any details regarding the membership of this organization and events that take place, and report same.

SAC, NEW YORK (100- )

3/12/69

SA [ ] (46)

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HUNTINGTON TRAIN COMMITTEE  
SM-MISC

On 2/19/69, Major [ ] 108th MI Group, advised he received a leaflet indicating TOM HOLLINGSWORTH was to speak at the Thatched Cottage, Route 25A, Centerport, L.I., N.Y., at 8:30 PM, 2/19/69. The speech by HOLLINGSWORTH, a former member of the Green Berets, is entitled, "We Want To Win In Vietnam!"

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On 2/20/69, MAJOR [ ] advised that he attended the above meeting and obtained the following publications which were sold or distributed free of charge at the meeting:

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1. "The Ursurpers" by MEDFORD EVANS.
2. "American Opinion" 1/69.
3. "Vietnam - When Terror Is Not Statistics" pamphlet.
4. "It's Treason! Aid And Comfort To The Vietcong" by WALLIS W. WOOD pamphlet.
5. "Current Export Bulletin" - pamphlet.
6. "The Weeks Activities" leaflet.
7. "A Forecast On Vietnam" poster.
8. "A Petition To The Congress of The United States" pamphlet.
9. "Congressional Record, Selling To The Reds" pamphlet.
10. "Behind The Scenes In Vietnam," by TOM HOLLINGSWORTH - sets forth in detail the content of HOLLINGSWORTH's speech as delivered at the meeting.
11. "Wild Statements - Robert Welch 1965" pamphlet.
12. "More Truth About Vietnam - Robert Welch 1967" pamphlet.
13. "The Truth About Vietnam Robert Welch 1967" pamphlet.
14. "The Truth In Time" pamphlet.

1 - 100- (HUNTINGTON TRAIN) (46)  
1 - 157-3447 (NYA) (46)  
1 - 62-12699 (MINUTEMEN) (46)  
1 - 100-144597 (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY) (46)

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In addition to the above literature Major [ ] also furnished a copy of a leaflet captioned "You Can Join - National Youth Alliance" which will be maintained in NY file 157-3447 (NYA), that was handed him at the meeting.

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Major [ ] advised the HOLLINGSWORTH booklet "Behind The Scenes In Vietnam" contained essentially the entire content of his speech although he elaborated on various points without following any specific outline.

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HOLLINGSWORTH stated that he is one of 200 such speakers traveling around the country speaking on behalf of TRAIN.

The above-listed literature will be maintained in NY file 157- (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) as the HUNTINGTON TRAIN COMMITTEE is a front of the JBS.

On 3/11/69, SA [ ] determined the registered owners of the following vehicles which were parked at the Thatched Cottage on 2/19/69. These numbers also appeared on Major [ ] list and have been deleted from [ ] list to preclude duplication of determining the registered owners:

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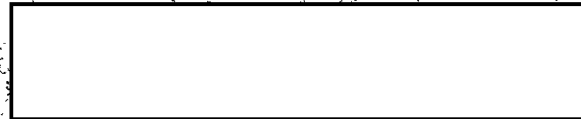


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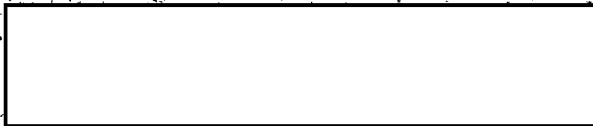


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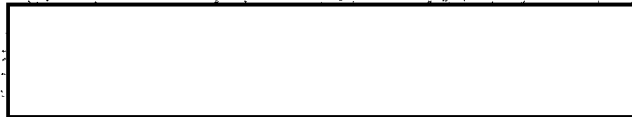


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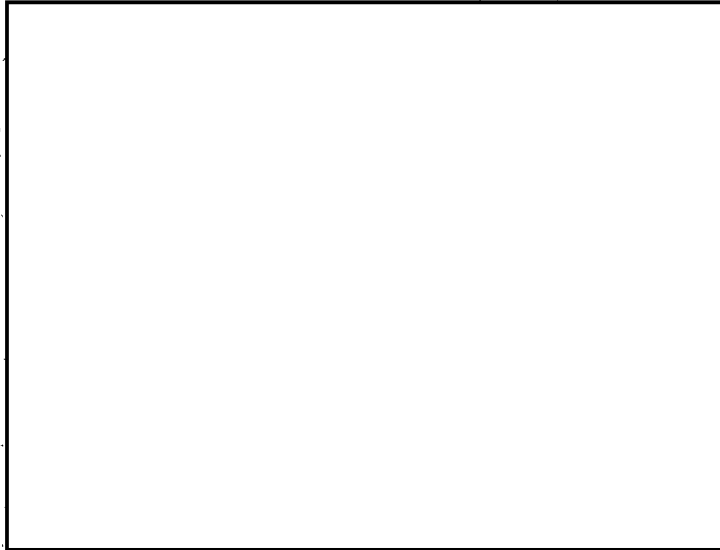
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On 2/20/69, Major [redacted] furnished the following list of license numbers of vehicles parked at the "Thatched Cottage" at the time HOLLINGSWORTH spoke. [redacted] stated that no other affairs were going on at the "Thatched Cottage" other than the HTC meeting, therefore, other than for employee vehicles, it is assumed that the vehicles were of persons attending the meeting.

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Coverage was afforded this meeting and the license numbers were obtained in an effort to identify Minutemen. Minutemen have in the past exhibited interest in the activities of Special Forces and it is reasonable to assume that if there are Minutemen residing in the area they would have attended HOLLINGSWORTH's speech. It is known that TRAIN is a front for the JBS and that some of the Minutemen previously active in the Queens, Nassau and Suffolk County areas were affiliated with, or members of, the JBS.

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NEW YORK at New York

1. Will determine registered owners of license plates on Major [ ] list.

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2. Will furnish Major [ ] identity of owners.

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (105-6112) (47)  
FROM : SA [redacted] (47)  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL RENAISSANCE PARTY  
RM

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[redacted] (Prob.)

Received by

SA [redacted]

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Authenticated  
by Informant \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report

4/22/69

Date(s) of activity

4/21/69

Brief description of activity or material

Cuban meeting Club San Souci, NYC, 4 Cuban  
speakers & discussion. Cubans will join NRP  
on May Day picket, Union Square.

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\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.  
VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

Index Club San Souci to 105-6112 copy.

Information re NRP picket furnished BSS, NYCPD Detective  
4/29/69.

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Necessary action taken.

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1 - [redacted]  
1 - 105-6129  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - 62-12699  
① - 100-144597  
1 - 100-165913  
1 - 105-6112

(Inv.) [redacted] (47)

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(MINUTEMEN) (47)

(JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY) (47)

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Club San Sotel  
3219 Broadway  
New York, New York  
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Approximately 90 persons attended a meeting at the Club San Sotel which began at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting was addressed by 4 speakers who spoke in Spanish.

The meeting began with everyone standing for a moment's silence for those fighting Communism in Cuba.

Two of the speakers indicated they are going to Venezuela to try to encourage the government officials and local people of Caracas to help finance the Cuban nationalist groups here.

At the completion of the speeches a discussion took place.

[redacted] of the National Renaissance Party (NRP), attended the meeting with two Cuban brothers whose last name begins with "H". The brothers had previously been arrested in Times Square in connection with Cuban Nationalist affairs.

The two brothers are friends of [redacted] of the Stanton Island chapter of the NRP and have previously attended meetings at [redacted] apartment which is the NRP Headquarters.

The Cubans are members of a group which according to the brothers wants to affiliate with right-wing groups including the NRP, Minutemen and John Birch Society to fight the Communists.

The NRP will sponsor a picket line on May Day at Union Square, NYC. It is expected that some members of the group will participate in the picket line. In addition additional members of the group will be dispersed in the crowd.

NY 105-6112

The Cuban brothers are described as:

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Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 205

Hair: Black wavy

Complexion: Olive

Characteristics: Nose bent

#2

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 210

Hair: Black, straight well kept  
conservative cut

Complexion: Olive

Characteristics: Large nose.  
Very polite.



(Mount Clipping in Space Below)



## Coup at Siwash

JAMES A. WECHSLER

(From a future history of university conflict called "Counter-revolution on the Campus.")

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The aggressive emergence of the John Birch Society campus underground came suddenly and without apparent warning at Siwash University on May 17, 1969.

At 8 a.m. that day about 140 members of the group, many attired in their ROTC uniforms and carrying rifles issued to them during training hours, invaded the university's administration building and quickly seized three cleaning women as hostages, imprisoning them in the dean's vacant office.

When the press and TV arrived, a neatly-mimeographed statement reflecting the careful planning of the event (of which the FBI seemingly had no advance intimation) was handed out listing the demands of the intruders. Its major points were:

Immediate institution of compulsory ROTC (to replace the voluntary system) for all graduate and undergraduate students, as well as all faculty and administrative personnel under 60.

Creation of a university-wide Decency Committee—with majority representation for Birchers—to screen all books used in English courses.

Elimination of Marxist works from the economics curriculum.

A prompt grant of university funds to help subsidize the Birch Society's campaign against sex education in high schools in the area, expulsion of any student or faculty member found guilty of miscegenation and exclusion of co-eds from male dormitories at any hour unless accompanied by a tutor.

Denial of university facilities to any visiting speaker who has criticized the Vietnam war.

Drafting of a new admission policy to insure that 20 per cent of the freshman class be composed of athletic letter-winners in high school, of whom only 3 per cent would be Negroes.

Dismissal of Siwash president Ernest Middleroad and his replacement by a "man who is prepared to make Siwash what it used to be—a center of patriotism, godliness and cleanliness."

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There were other peripheral demands, such as summary ouster of any faculty members identified with Americans for Democratic Action and creation of an autonomous department to investigate subversion in slums adjacent to the university.

Some surprise was expressed at the failure of the sit-ins to designate a successor to president Middleroad. Later it was learned that they had sharply divided on this point; a few favored William Buckley but it was quickly pointed out that he had become a Birch-baiter and, moreover, he was under 50. It was finally agreed to present the more limited—but "non-negotiable"—demand for veto power over Middleroad's successor.

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Amid the glare of TV lights never before seen at Siwash, the "putsch" stirred varied vocal reactions. Leaders of Students for a Democratic Society branded it a "flagrant fascist takeover that foreshadows the beginning of a military-rightist dictatorship and the ruthless suppression of democratic rights." But a splinter group disassociated itself from the statement, observing that "while we disagree with many of the Birch demands, we support their call for the removal of Middleroad, who has shown himself a craven tool of imperialist reaction by permitting continuance of voluntary ROTC."

Prof. John Lawendorder, a right-wing academician widely known as the Birchites' Marcuse, defended the armed sit-in, declaring: "There comes a time when abstract verbal arguments about so-called 'peaceful means of protest' become a camouflage for the conspiracy of the crypto-Communists and their liberal mouthpieces. When students know they are right, they have a right to act, especially when our freedoms are menaced by knowing and unwitting agents of Moscow."

In Washington J. Edgar Hoover declined to comment, but a spokesman said "Mr. Hoover has authorized me to say that whatever questions may be raised about the tactics used by these students, we have no reason to question their patriotism."

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Some right-wing alumni rallied to the support of the occupiers and even offered to contribute funds for their legal defense; they also bitterly condemned left-wing proposals for police action. A more moderate conservative faction deplored the wearing of ROTC uniforms and the brandishing of rifles but said these "disagreeable" stratagems "should not obscure the merits of the students' fight for decency and loyalty in the face of the growing danger to morality and old-fashioned Americanism."

In the end the flare-up was resolved when, through the discreet intervention of President Nixon, Dr. Middleroad resigned and Dr. Billy Graham agreed to serve as his successor for at least five years. A leader of the Birchite rebellion said "this doesn't mean we've won everything we wanted, but we believe we can live with him." The board of trustees hastily ratified the change; an SDS statement, while hailing president Middleroad's departure as a defeat for "the pseudo-liberal Establishment," decried "the university's capitulation to armed force and minority rule."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (62-12699) (P) #45

DATE: 11/5/69

FROM : SA [REDACTED]  
(Garden City RA)

SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN  
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On 11/5/69, [REDACTED] PSI (Protect Identity) furnished the following information.

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On 10/20/69 he stopped at John's Taproom in Sea Cliff, New York, and conversed with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] tendered him a personal invitation to attend a meeting to be held on Saturday, October 25, 1969, on the second floor at 45 Locust Avenue, Glen Cove. He stated the meeting would last all day and that he should go there and advise the person in charge that he, [REDACTED] had sent him. [REDACTED] did not furnish the name of the individual at 45 Locust Avenue or the ~~xxxx~~ nature of the meeting.

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It is noted that that the NYO has been in receipt of allegations that [REDACTED] is an ultra conservative or ultra rightist and that some type of ultra right meetings are held in his taproom in Glen Cove. Captioned source has made the acquaintance of [REDACTED] and has been attempting to learn the true nature of the reported activities at the taproom.

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In view of the possibility that instant meeting might possibly be a meeting of Minutemen or some "Neo Nazi" organization, source was instructed to attend the meeting in accordance with [REDACTED] invitation.

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Source advised that he arrived at 45 Locust Avenue, Glen Cove at approximately 9:00 AM. and found it to be a large, sumptuous two-story house. [REDACTED] and the downstairs was rented by them to an unknown family.

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He was met at the door by an individual self-identified

1- [REDACTED] (INV) #46  
1- (62-13676) [REDACTED] #46  
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[redacted]  
as [redacted] Source was the first person to arrive and during initial conversation with [redacted] he ascertained that [redacted] is employed by a company in Nassau County (believed to be [redacted]), has a degree from the University of Minnesota and is presently doing graduate work at Brooklyn Poly. He appears to be approximately 30 years of age and apparently resides on the premises with his parents who were not present at the meeting.

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Eleven persons attended the meeting which was announced as a special meeting of the John Birch Society. There were seven women and four men, most of whom were middle age or older. Source had never seen or met any of these individuals before and was formerly introduced to only two of three of them. He talked with a woman approximately 30 years of age who stated [redacted]

She resides in the [redacted] area and stated her name is [redacted]  
[redacted] Several of the person present were man and wife.

The meeting consisted wholley of a taped lecture by a Dr. CRANE, who is from a midwestern university. It was announced that he is soon to become head of the Business School of a small college in the deep south.

The lecture was partially narrated by the host [redacted] and consisted of disersions on economics, marxism, political science and economic theory. Source advised that there was no mention of violence or revolution in the lecture and noone at the meeting was heard to express any sentiments which indicated that they favored any extremist action of any sort. The meeting did not appear to be covert and source's attendance did not create any questions or apparent curiosity. Most of the persons present appered to be acquainted with one another.

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The meeting broke for lunch which was served by the host. Source advised he departed after the lunch break explaining to the host that he had an appointment that afternoon.

He was advised that the John Birch Society holds regular meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Inasmuch as the meeting above was no doubt a regular meeting of the John Birch Society no further action is being taken.

DATE: 12/15/69

From: Commanding Officer, Special Services Division

To: IDENT. SECT., ORS, IS, CID, FBI, NYS POLICE

Subject: INVESTIGATION (Name Check).  
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1. It is respectfully requested that the indices of your office be examined for any information concerning the following individuals:

*100-144597\**

**JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY**

Since May 1967

**MINUTEMEN**

" " "

Re: Background Material, Membership & Active Chapters

Attention

1/15/70: Statistical data as requested not available inasmuch as FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society. (100-144597-299) *agl*



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 9/18/71

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: *Peter Luciente*  
*Train Committee*  
PETER LUCENTE  
Train Committee

On this date, [redacted] Bronx, NY, advised he had been approached by the subject who stated he was with the TRAIN COMMITTEE, and wanted to show anti-communist films at his church. [redacted] told the subject he would have to check into his committee before allowing the films to be showed, at which time, the subject withdrew the offer. [redacted] requested a check be made into the nature of this committee. He believes the subject lives on either [redacted] in the Bronx.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (100- )

DATE: 10/20/71

FROM : SA [ ] (45)

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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On 10/14/71 SC [ ] was handed the following literature concerning the captioned at the Main Street, Flushing subway station:

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The John Birch Society Bulletin for July 1965.

Step By Step, A Bird's eye Vie of the Communist Advance. The pamphlet contained the return address of American Opinion Bookstore, 163-07 Depot Road Flushing.

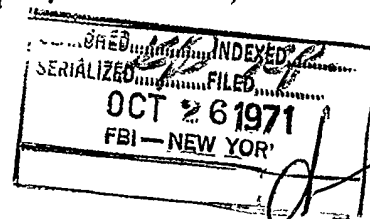
Congressional Record, "Beliefs and Principles of the John Birch Society

The above listed items will be maintained in the 1A section of captioned file.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (134-new)

DATE: 12/13/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #45

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
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On December 6, 1971, captioned subject furnished information to the NYO including assorted Minutemen literature which came mailed to him from the Patriotic National Group (PNG), [REDACTED] Box 775, Church Street Station, NYC, and Box 161, Ozone Park Station, Jaimaca, New York 11417. PSI advised he is employed at [REDACTED], New York

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Inasmuch as the above PSI voluntarily contacted the NYO and appears to be willing to cooperate in furnishing information of value to the Bureau concerning security investigations of the FBI, it is recommended that consideration be given to opening a [REDACTED] and contacting the subject in the future to determine further background.

It is to be noted that a review of indices reflects that [REDACTED] is associated with the John Birch Society and in 1966 and 1967 was co-ordinator of the JBS in the Brooklyn-Queens area.

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In view of his employment and association with right-wing groups, it is believed that [REDACTED] is in a position to furnish information of value to the FBI.

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1 - [REDACTED] (100-144597)  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Sixty-ninth Street & Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10950

Dear Sirs:

Several of my neighbors have recently joined the John Birch Society and as concerned "friends" have been bombarding me with opinions and literature regarding the communist infiltration of our schools and government. In particular the United Nations and the Federal Reserve Bank plus numerous charitable organizations; e.g. UNICEF.

My concern came to the fore when I was informed that a woman in this circle had applied for a pistol permit. This group is too serious for me to allow my concern to be attributed to the fact that I am an alarmist.

Can you send to me or tell me where I can find an unbiased, objective report on the John Birch Society?

Any information will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,  
[Redacted]

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201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York, 10021  
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Dear [redacted]:

Thank you for your letter of March 19, 1973,  
wherein you requested certain information.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, pursuant to  
the policies of the Department of Justice, is prohibited  
from furnishing information of such a nature from its files.  
I am sure you understand the necessity of such a policy.

I am sorry we could not be of assistance to you  
in this matter, however, I appreciate your interest in  
writing and hope that in the future if you have any information  
you believe will be of interest to the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, you will not hesitate to write.

Very truly yours,

*JFM/ry*  
JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

1-Addressee

1-New York (100-144597) *JS*

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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Although it is recognized that the Bureau does not investigate captioned group, the following information was received from Sheriff MIKE CANLIS (NA), San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, Stockton, California, which may be of interest to the Boston and New York Offices:

He was recently contacted by a [redacted] who identified herself as a writer for "The Review of the News" magazine. She was accompanied by an alleged former New York City Detective, age about 45, 6' 5", 300 pounds, who acted as her bodyguard and who used the name of [redacted] said she also was employed as a teacher in New York City.

The article has now appeared in the above magazine, and the thrust of the article is critical of the Sheriff's Office in claiming that CANLIS' department is too liberal, etc.

[redacted] noted the above magazine, published by Correction Pleasel, Inc., 395 Concord, Belmont, Massachusetts, shares the same address and phone number of the John Birch Society, according to the telephone information operator.

Above being furnished for information of Boston and New York City.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-144597)

FROM : SA  (#42)

SUBJECT: John Birch Society.

DATE: 11/12/75

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Re NY let + LHM, 11/11/75 captioned "CHINAT  
Activities in the U.S." NY 105-85652.

The above captioned subject is mentioned in re  
LHM as either having attended the KMT Third Annual Conference  
or having been mentioned at the Conference. This conference  
was held during June, 1975, at the YMCA Holiday Hills Camp,  
Pawling, NY.

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